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U.S. proposes resuming talks at cabinet level in Washington

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The Carter administration is awaiting word from Israel and Egypt on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's proposal at his meeting last weekend in Brussels with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil to resume the stalled peace treaty negotiations in Washington.

Well-placed diplomatic sources, who disclosed this yesterday, said that Vance came away from the meetings with the impression that both Israel and Egypt are ready to continue the negotiations "without preconditions" and to demonstrate new flexibility on the remaining unresolved issues.

According to the sources, this explains why President Jimmy Carter on Monday was so upbeat in assessing the current stalemate in the talks. "I think we will have a peace treaty for the Middle East," Carter told reporters in Plains, Georgia.

A decision to revive the negotiations here early next month depends on the current government deliberations in Cairo and Jerusalem, sources here said. Such talks, if resumed, would probably be at the foreign ministers' level.

(Jim Anderson, of UPI, quoting administration officials, said Egypt and Israel had already agreed to resume the deadlocked peace talks at the cabinet level, with the U.S. as mediator. The officials said the two nations would decide within a week on the location and timing of the new round of U.S.-guided talks.)

It was disclosed yesterday that the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations has sent a letter to Carter complaining about the recent U.S. mediatory role in the negotiations.

The letter, delivered to the White House on Friday, was signed by Theodore Mann, chairman of the organization. It followed a closed-door meeting of the conference during which representatives of the national Jewish organizations decided to continue their public relations campaign on behalf of Israel's case in the stalled negotiations.

In the letter, Mann points out that the American Jewish leadership had requested a personal meeting with Carter nearly two weeks ago, but that there has been no invitation from the White House.

Ever since the December 17 deadline for concluding the negotiations and the subsequent U.S. decision to place most of the blame on Israel, there has been a steady shift in U.S. policy. Administration officials, recognizing that their tough tactics against Israel proved counter-productive in winning Israeli concessions, are now trying once again to be more "even-handed" in their approach. Vance tried to make this clear in Brussels.

The secretary, Dayan and Khalil agreed that the three countries should practise some "quiet diplomacy" in an effort to get the negotiations back on track.

The State Department, meanwhile, has stressed that it has "no intention of imposing our own suggestions on either of the parties." That assurance was contained in a letter by David Korn, director of the office of Israeli and Arab-Israeli affairs at the department, to Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada.

Korn explained: "Our involvement in the negotiations stems from the unique confidence that both sides to the conflict place in the U.S. as mediator and partner to the peace process. We interpret our role as intermediary in the broadest sense."

Israel would rethink review clause

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel is likely to call next week for resumption of the treaty negotiations with Egypt, and to indicate its readiness to reconsider its position regarding Article 4 of the draft peace treaty (the "review clause") and regarding the accompanying letter on creating the Palestinian autonomy. This is the assessment of well-placed sources in Jerusalem following a special cabinet meeting yesterday at which Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan reported on his weekend talks in Brussels with Egypt's Premier Mustapha Khalil and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. The cabinet will continue its discussion on Sunday.

Israel will be prepared to negotiate on the other three disputed issues too — the exchange of ambassadors, Article 6(ii) (severing the treaty from operative linkage to the autonomy), and Article 6(v) (the "priority of obligations" clause), but on these there is no readiness in Jerusalem to shift ground.

On Article 6(v) Israel will demand from the U.S. that it revise its interpretation of the paragraph, which at present endorses Egypt's view that Cairo would have the right to aid another Arab state attacked by Israel. Israel's concern is that the word "attack" is often defined subjectively and that this interpretation therefore robs the treaty of its basic no-more-war rationale.

The Israeli position, the sources stressed, will not entail a reversal of the cabinet statement issued ten days ago, following Secretary Vance's shuttle mission to Cairo and Jerusalem. That statement listed the Egyptian demands, and specifically rejected them, expressing willingness to "reformulate" only the accompanying letter on the creation of the autonomy (this letter includes the "target date" which Israel has rejected). But subsequently Premier Begin himself indicated publicly that Article Four could also

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Nissim attacks Dayan's call for concessions

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's airport statement on Sunday night urging both Israel and Egypt to make concessions "spreads perplexity among the public and erodes the government's credibility at home and abroad." This is the view of one of Dayan's cabinet colleagues, Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nissim.

The proper way for Dayan to have behaved, Nissim told *The Jerusalem Post* in an interview yesterday, would have been to take his recommendations to the prime minister and the cabinet before publicizing them in this way. It was Dayan himself, only a few weeks ago, Nissim recalled, who had announced Israel's readiness to sign the draft treaty and annexes and asserted that it was now for Egypt to do likewise.

"If there is room for further concessions," Nissim added, "why did the cabinet not make them 10 days ago?" The cabinet's decision then, following U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's shuttle mission, had been perceived as clear and understandable in Israeli and World Jewish opinion. Moreover, they had been received fairly by important sections of American public opinion which had attacked the Administration for one-sidedness. Dayan's statement now, implying the need for further Israeli concessions, undermined the government's credibility.

Nissim had praise for Dayan, however, for the foreign minister's energetic presentation to Vance in Brussels of Israel's case on Article 6(v) (the "priority of obligations" clause). Nissim charged that the U.S. had "hidden from Israel" its pro-Egyptian legal opinion interpreting the paragraph, which had been submitted to Vice-President Hosni Mubarak during his visit to Washington, but presented to Israel only much later.

On the substance of Dayan's recommendations to the cabinet Nissim seemed basically supportive. He, too, would be prepared to reconsider Article 4 and the accompanying letter on the autonomy, he said. Indeed, he would be prepared to sit and talk on *all* the dispute issues — but would offer no further concessions whatever on Article 6(ii) and 6(v). (Dayan, it is understood, is also not suggesting concessions on Article 6.)

Nissim, a lawyer by profession, has been among the most hawkish of the ministers through much of the negotiations with Egypt, though his positions are not inevitably hardline.

Regarding Egypt's desire to set up the autonomy in Gaza first, Nissim told *The Post* that he personally would favour it were it not for Cairo's added demand for a "special status" in the Gaza Strip. This "status," he said, which Egypt wants to see bolstered by a "liaison office," could develop into "a return in practice of Egyptian rule to the strip." Nissim believed, or at least suspected, that this was Egypt's real intention, and for that reason he felt bound to oppose the "Gaza first" proposal.

U.S. expert scores backward institutions

Retardates are condemned for life

By RAFI MAROM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel's institutions for the mentally retarded are themselves seriously backward, according to a report prepared by an American expert at the request of the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry.

A copy of the report, which is currently under discussion within the ministry, was obtained by *The Jerusalem Post*. It sharply attacks a plethora of shortcomings, including low opinion of retardates' capabilities, insufficient programmes, lack of privacy, lack of qualified personnel — and the practice of putting the retarded into these institutions in the first place.

The report bluntly states that "the institutional programmes in Israel are taking the same disastrous path that American and other countries' institutional programmes took many years ago, that is, people were diagnosed as being mentally retarded and sent to institutions without a specific process that could get these people out of the institutions."

The evaluation was prepared by Prof. Joseph Colombatto, director of Temple University's Woodhaven Programme for the Retarded. He came to Israel earlier this year as a consultant to the Haifa University Centre for Rehabilitation and Human Development. Through the centre, he was invited by the ministry to visit 10 institutions housing 1,555 people, including one under construction, and to report on his observations and recommendations.

Colombatto scored most of Israel's institutional structures for the mentally retarded. "Admission to an institution in Israel," he wrote, "appears to be a lifetime commitment. Few if any placements are made back into their own home or the community." Referrals to these institutions are made by a community social worker who "for the most part has little if any knowledge of the institutions and their programmes." Colombatto felt that referrals were being made "primarily to relieve the family of the burden" of caring for its retarded member.

Retarded individuals are thoroughly tested at one of three or four "observation stations" and then sent to a facility with no accompanying treatment plan for teaching them any useful personal or vocational skills. The worker-patient ratio is generally 1:12, which Colombatto characterizes as possibly in keeping with the institutions' "expectation that retarded people are non-productive, cannot learn new skills and are not going anywhere." Another example of this attitude is the very low number of retardation specialists. At one of the larger homes five professionals serve 420 seriously to mildly retarded inmates. Privacy was non-existent in many toilets. Colombatto found. Toilet paper was not always found, and mass showers, rather than private ones for those capable of washing themselves, appeared to be the rule.

Throughout his visits, Colombatto

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Thais' 'delicate' Asian Games role stressed to Shamir

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The prime minister of Thailand, Gen. Kriangsak Chamanan, told Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir in Bangkok yesterday that he hoped Israel showed understanding for Thailand's delicate position as the host country when the Asian Games Federation barred Israel from taking part last month.

The prime minister told Shamir, who is on an official visit to Thailand, that he regretted the episode very much.

He also told Shamir how much Israel's agricultural aid to Thailand was appreciated. He hoped it would continue unabated.

Shamir discussed political, economic and commercial topics with the premier.

A soldier on the alert at the Istanbul University campus following the proclamation of martial law in 13 Turkish cities yesterday. (See story below right) (AP wirephoto)

Ghali: Egypt has not softened treaty stance

CAIRO (UPI). — Egypt made it clear yesterday that it has not softened its position in the stalled peace negotiations with Israel as a result of last weekend's tripartite meeting in Brussels.

Acting Foreign Minister Butros Ghali said that Egypt cannot bargain with its defence obligations to other Arab states or sign a separate peace with Israel that would leave the Palestinians out in the cold.

These two issues have deadlocked the negotiations, with Israel rejecting the Egyptian demands and the U.S. backing them.

The Brussels meeting, grouping Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, examined ways of reviving the negotiations.

But Khalil said on his return to Cairo late on Sunday that an immediate resumption of the negotiations was unlikely. What might be possible, he said, is an "exchange of views" between the three countries before full-scale negotiations can be continued.

Ghali made it clear that any further talks must be held on Egypt's terms. Speaking on Monday to a group of Egyptian students enrolled at European and American universities, Ghali said: "In all phases of the negotiations, Egypt has affirmed two important principles: the necessity of linking the treaty to an overall settlement, and priority for Egypt's Arab commitments over any other commitments.

Ghali said that "since the talks began and until now," President Anwar Sadat's instructions to Egyptian negotiators call for "rejecting a separate peace and insisting on an overall settlement.

"This settlement," he said, "should ensure Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands and restore to the Palestinians their legitimate rights."

Ghali said Egypt is prepared to normalize relations with Israel "provided this does not mean that Israel will be granted special privileges or that Egypt's Arab commitments will be touched. These commitments cannot be the subject of bargaining."

Begin: Israel still ready to talk peace

Prime Minister Menahem Begin said yesterday that although Israel would refuse to sign an "empty" peace treaty with Egypt it was ready to continue talks to clarify various outstanding issues.

He was addressing volunteers of the Soldiers Welfare Association at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel.

The premier, who was the main speaker at the gathering, explained Israel's position on the new Egyptian demands on linking the exchange of ambassadors to the implementation of the Palestinian autonomy; on the timing of the review of security arrangements in Sinai and on a timetable for the autonomy.

He noted that Israel had invited three neighbouring Arab countries to join the peace talks. "Can we force them to come?" he asked. He reiterated that Israel was not responsible for the failure to sign the peace treaty by December 17. (Itim)

Zipori: Settlement sites being readied

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori said yesterday that sites for new settlements are being prepared in the administered territories.

Interviewed over Galei Zahal's "Meet the Press" programme, Zipori said that "settlement activity had not halted during the three-month freeze" (which Prime Minister Menahem Begin undertook at Camp David).

Zipori refused to give details but he may have been referring in part to work in the Ma'aleh Adumim area.

Tractors have been moving earth at a site near Eizariya (Bethany) on the Jerusalem-Jericho road, for what has been described as a permanent home for the Ma'aleh Adumim settlers.

But last week the Ministerial Settlement Committee decided that that site will become a suburb of Jerusalem and that the Ma'aleh Adumim group should be settled on another hill called Pe'era, north of their present location.

The government is also expected to decide soon on the future of Shilo, half-way between Ramallah and Nablus. The government had claimed that the Gush Emunim settlers there are on an "archeological mission."

Zipori also reported that extensive road building in the West Bank had been started. He did not give details, but these projects apparently include a new road to cross Samaria from the Petah Tikva area, and a road along the hills overlooking the Jordan Valley from Ma'aleh Adumim to Ma'aleh Ephraim.

'Syria weary of Lebanon role'

BEIRUT (UPI). — Syria is growing tired of its role in Lebanon and the government's failure to act against Christian rightist forces, the semi-official Damascus newspaper "Tishrin" said yesterday.

In a lengthy commentary, the newspaper said Syria would prefer to have its estimated 30,000 troops in Lebanon serving on the Israeli front.

"We are in dire need of our forces to carry out their duties in confronting the enemy, and for current and future dangers," the newspaper said.

IDF holds another call-up exercise

Post Military Correspondent

A general call-up exercise went into effect at 6 p.m. yesterday. Ten code-words were broadcast over radio and later on television — instructing thousands of men and women reservists to report to their units.

By late last night it was still too early to assess the results of the exercise.

Yesterday's exercise, which had been announced in advance by the army spokesman, is another in a series of call-ups designed to test the overall readiness.

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Thousands riot in new wave of Teheran turmoil

TEHERAN. — Police and army troops clashed with thousands of anti-shah demonstrators in more than 20 places in the Iranian capital yesterday. The demonstrators set fire to at least two dozen vehicles and paralysed the downtown business district, martial law authorities said.

The clashes came as Iran, normally the world's second largest petroleum exporter, faced the prospect of being virtually without petrol within 24 hours if oil production continued to plummet, government sources said.

Authorities said that the rioting appeared to be the worst in three months.

They said that troops responded by firing into the air and lobbing tear gas at the crowds. Reporters said that one instance of heavy shooting lasted at least 20 minutes and that troops were out in force.

The opposition National Front claimed that five persons, including a 10-year-old boy, were killed and 15 injured, two critically.

The martial law authorities said that only one person was killed — a 27-year-old Polytechnic Institute professor, Dr. Kamran Neyatullahi. He was shot by troops as he leaned out of the window of the Ministry of Science and Culture building where he was taking part in a sit-in.

The authorities also said that in the holy city of Mashhad, 560km. east of Teheran, a traffic policeman was knifed during yesterday's disturbances and was taken to a hospital. Mobs broke into the hospital later and murdered him, authorities said.

The National Front said that Mashhad's Moslem leader, Ayatollah Said Abdullah Shirazi, led thousands in an anti-shah demonstration.

According to a National Front spokesman in Teheran, the army moved armoured vehicles into the streets of Mashhad, where religious leaders called for a day of mourning for victims of a clash last week between troops and opposition members.

As the level of street violence increased, sources said that Iran's oil production had declined so far that service stations in the capital might run out of petrol and kerosene within 24 hours.

One source said that production yesterday was expected to fall below 700,000 barrels compared with a daily average for this time of year of 6 million.

Some 70 oil tankers were moored off the main terminal on the Persian Gulf waiting for the oil to flow again, a source said. Most of the available oil is going for domestic needs.

(A delegation from Iran arrived in Kuwait yesterday apparently on an oil-buying mission for the crisis-stricken oil giant. But Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa As-Sabah refused to confirm or deny that the purpose of the mission was to buy fuel, although this was widely believed to be the case.)

Demonstrators in Teheran who appeared to have little fear of the troops shouted "Yankee go home" and plastered shop and bank windows with signs warning "Yankees leave by February or be killed."

Some of the protestors and bystanders on the streets shouted threats at Americans and other foreigners.

One American photographer, caught in the middle of a demonstration near the U.S. embassy, said the scene was "frightening."

"Troops meant business — instead of starting out by shooting in the air they were levelling their guns and shooting right at the demonstrators," he said. "They spotted me, chased me, and opened fire right at me three times..."

The photographer said that shopkeepers were opening their shutters to let demonstrators hide inside and office workers were shouting warnings from high windows when they spotted troops moving in.

Iranian state radio announced that all schools in the capital and its suburbs would be closed indefinitely effective today. High schools have

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Shah plans palace in Los Angeles suburb

NEW YORK (AFP). — The shah of Iran is negotiating the purchase of an 80-acre (320-dunam) plot in the Bel Air area of Los Angeles, "The New York Times" reported yesterday.

The paper said that the Iranian ruler's family already owns land in the area and now wants to buy more to build a palace.

Riot toll now 101 dead, 150 wounded

Martial law declared in 13 Turkish cities

ANKARA (UPI). — Some 6,000 Turkish commandos and paratroopers enforced an uneasy peace in the city of Kahraman Maras in southeastern Turkey yesterday and the government declared martial law in 13 cities to prevent the spread of violence.

The cities covered by the martial law decree included the capital and Istanbul.

The religious rioting that started in Kahraman Maras on Friday has already claimed a reported 101 dead and 150 wounded. Unofficial sources said the death toll was likely to mount because many of the wounded were in grave condition.

Reports that six persons died in related clashes in the Mediterranean port of Adana and one in Istanbul were not confirmed officially.

A government spokesman's report on the clashes also said that 100 persons had been arrested by midday yesterday.

The trouble in Kahraman Maras, a city of 150,000 some 650 km. by road southeast of Ankara, started late on Friday when two teachers belonging to the left-wing Alevi Moslem sect were shot dead in the street. On Saturday right-wingers, mostly belonging to the Sunni Moslem sect, tried to stop a religious ceremony for the murdered teachers.

Fighting between members of the rival Alevi and Sunni sects, many of them using automatic firearms, spread throughout the city and continued until troops stopped it late on Sunday.

Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit in an emergency cabinet meeting that ended around 4 a.m. yesterday, declared martial law in Kahraman Maras and 12 other cities which were officially described as "sensitive," because of the close cohabitation of the rival sects.

Besides Ankara, Istanbul, and Kharaman Maras, the cities are Adana, Elazig, Bingol, Erzincan, Erzurum, Gaziantep, Kars, Malatya, Urfa and Sivas. Most of them are in southeastern Turkey, a sensitive region near the borders of Syria and Iraq.

The government's declaration of martial law quickly received the formal vote of approval from Turkey's parliament such action requires under the country's constitution. In a joint meeting of the National Assembly and the Senate the declaration was approved by a vote of 437 to 1.

Oslo invites top-level PLO delegation

Special to The Jerusalem Post

OSLO. — The Norwegian Foreign Ministry spokesman, Porstein Fandoe, yesterday confirmed that a top-level Palestine Liberation Organization delegation will visit Norway early next year at the invitation of the Norwegian government.

At the meeting with senior Norwegian Foreign and Defence Ministry officials, the PLO delegation will discuss "practical questions of mutual interest, particularly in connection with UNIFIL (UN Interim Forces in Lebanon)," he said.

(This Norwegian contingent of UNIFIL is stationed in the eastern sector of South Lebanon between the Christian enclave and PLO units and maintains regular contact with the PLO.)

The visit has been arranged through the Norwegian embassy in Beirut, which was approached by the PLO with the request for the invitation to Oslo. The possibility of providing care for wounded PLO men is also to be discussed, it was learned.

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BUENOS AIRES	17	64	29	85	Sunny
CHICAGO	10	14	-1	25	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	-2	36	3	37	Rain
FRANKFURT	4	39	9	48	Cloudy
GENEVA	3	37	9	48	Sunny
HELSINKI	-20	-4	-13	-8	Cloudy
HONG KONG	15	59	20	68	Overcast
JOHANNESBURG	13	55	29	84	Sunny
LISBON	11	52	17	63	Sunny
LONDON	8	46	11	52	Rain
MADRID	6	43	9	48	Rain
MONTREAL	-6	21	-5	23	Clear
NEW YORK	3	37	7	45	Clear
OSLO	-9	16	-9	16	Fair
PARIS	8	46	14	5	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	20	68	36	96	Sunny
SAO PAULO	19	66	29	84	Sunny
STOCKHOLM	-9	16	-5	23	Overcast
TOKYO	4	39	14	57	Clear
TORONTO	-3	27	1	34	Clear
VANCOUVER	0	32	6	43	Clear
VIENNA	0	32	8	46	Cloudy
ZURICH	5	41	12	53	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, occasional local rain.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	92	8—12	14
Golan	100	7—9	10
Nahariya	85	10—16	17
Safad	99	6—9	11
Haifa Port	92	13—16	17
Tiberias	83	11—16	17
Nazareth	98	9—12	13
Afula	89	5—15	16
Shomron	89	8—12	13
Tel Aviv	85	11—16	17
B-G Airport	89	11—15	17
Jericho	81	12—18	19
Gaza	80	12—18	18
Beersheba	59	10—17	18
Eilat	43	10—21	22
Tiran Straits	46	18—22	23

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Yitzhak Navon last night awarded the Katz Prizes for research in the implementation of Halacha in modern life to Supreme Court Justice Menahem Elon for his "Otzar Haposkim;" to Scientific Institute for Halachic Problems engineers David Binae, Menahem Hartman, and Dov Zioni; and to the scientific and Tora research team at Alon Shvut in the Etzion Bloc.

President Navon yesterday received 250 volunteers of the Soldiers Welfare Association, as part of 30th anniversary celebrations.

Acting Knesset Speaker Moshe Meron yesterday received Ohio congressman Willis Gardison.

Werner Loval, director of the Anglo-Saxon Real Estate Agency, will speak about Jerusalem's housing shortage and ways of solving it, at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a Ladies Dinner at the Shulamit Hotel, at 8 p.m. tonight.

A lecture by Chaim Herzog, former ambassador to the UN, on "Contemporary Israeli Diplomatic Problems," will take place on the occasion of the presentation of the annual scholarship in memory of David Carmon, under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be in Hebrew at the Hebrew University's Belt Maiersdorf on Mount Scopus.

Rabbis ban bus

A local rabbinical council in the Bayit Vagan section of Jerusalem has forbidden travel on the No. 12 bus, which comes to the neighbourhood from Damascus Gate in East Jerusalem. There have been two bomb sxplosions on the line, resulting in death and injury to neighbourhood residents, most of whom are religious.

After the last explosion 10 days ago, residents demanded that the line be kept out of Bayit Vagan. But the government, the Knesset and the Jerusalem Municipality have ignored them, the rabbis claim, so they declared a boycott, basing their move on the religious law which gives priority to saving human lives.

Ashdod ballot problems

ASHDOD — Irregularities have been discovered in the ballot count from last month's municipal elections here.

A special committee was appointed following complaints about Likud council chairman Zvi Zilker's re-election and will check the last two of six disputed ballot boxes today. The committee, which includes representatives of the Interior Ministry and local election commissioners, found irregularities in all four boxes checked so far. The numbers of votes, envelopes and voters listed did not match, as they should have.

The special committee's findings will be brought to the Beersheba District Court, which will rule on the election's validity.

Builders of rental housing offered IL15,000 a room

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Minister of Housing and Construction Gideon Patt yesterday reminded private builders of the incentives they are being offered for construction of rental housing.

In a message to the annual convention of Meldan — the Israel Real Estate Brokers Association — in Jerusalem, Patt said: "We are prepared to give private contractors outright grants of IL15,000 for every room they build in Jerusalem, and IL10,000 per room elsewhere.

"In addition, there are low-interest loans available — IL25,000 per room in Jerusalem and IL20,000 elsewhere. And the contractors' obligation to place the flats for rental is only for an eight-year period."

A Housing Ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the rents for such flats would not be subject to rent control under the Tenants Protection Law. Therefore, rents would be set through negotiation.

"What is more," the official added, "the builder may, if he wishes, put up to half of the flats he builds on the market for sale, provided he returns the grants and loans he received on those units."

According to Patt, only 2,000 rental flats are now on the drawing boards under this incentive scheme. But he hopes that more builders will join the programme once the treasury accedes to his request for funds to cover additional incentives to builders.

Almost all the country's private builders now shun rental projects, claiming they could not earn a reasonable return on their investments through the rents they could receive.

Knesset calls for action on run-down apartment houses

Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset members from practically all parties painted a dark picture yesterday of the run-down condition of the country's cooperatively owned apartment houses.

At the conclusion of the debate they adopted a lengthy resolution which boiled down to a call to the government to do something.

The debate had its origin in a motion for the agenda presented last January by Menahem Savidor (Likud-Liberals). The Knesset agreed with Savidor that the question deserved a debate in the plenum, which finally was held yesterday, almost 12 months later.

Savidor said that a second generation was being brought up in an ugly atmosphere of contempt for property and with no appreciation of the importance of aesthetic homes, gardens and landscapes.

He suggested that the supervision of cooperative houses be assigned to the local authorities. The authorities should be empowered to appoint officials to manage those houses where there were no duly elected representatives, or where the representatives were not functioning, he said.

Savidor also urged that an information campaign be launched to bring home to the public the importance of this subject.

Among other points made by speakers in the debate:

Gustav Badian (Likud-Liberals): Slum-dwellers from Haifa's Wadi Salib quarter were turned into property owners in overcrowded cooperative houses, but the authorities forgot to teach them desirable standards of urban living. As a result the new housing estates soon became slums too.

Amnon Rubinstein (Shai): The present law gives every flat-owner the right to veto any refurbishment of the building, no matter how small the expense involved.

Yosef Tamir (Likud-Liberals): Financial assistance should be given to the various voluntary organizations working for a more beautiful country.

Mordechai Wirshubski (Shai): The real problem is not legal or managerial; it is the poor example given by public buildings. How can the ordinary citizen be expected to care for his own building or garden when government office buildings, and even schools, look the way they do?

Construction and Housing Minister Gideon Patt, while agreeing that the situation was unsatisfactory, thought that members had overstated the case. And he agreed with Tamir that laws alone were not enough.

However, he announced that the bill on the renovation and maintenance of houses would, at long last, soon be reported out of the Interior Committee for its second and third readings.

One of the main features of the bill is its provision for a fund for renovating houses, to which the government, the local authority, and the occupants would contribute.

Rent decontrol postponed till April

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rent decontrol for commercial premises, scheduled for next Monday, has been postponed until April 1.

Acting on a recommendation from Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich, the Ministerial Economic Committee yesterday agreed to have a subcommittee re-examine decontrol, which has aroused the anger of thousands of shopkeepers throughout the country.

They claim that removing rent restraints would rob them of the key money they have invested in their quarters, and that many merchants would be driven out of business.

The move that was to have become effective on Monday would have raised rents for small merchants by 266 to 380 per cent. For businessmen with an annual volume exceeding IL600,000, all rent ceilings would have been removed and the new rents would have been set by negotiation according to the free-market level.

Farmers caught in tax evasion

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

National Insurance Institute workers in the Rehovot area have stumbled on massive tax evasion by local moshav members and reported it to the income tax authorities.

A check on 260 moshavniks from Sde Uziya, Galya, Noga and Azrikim revealed that they had declared too little income in order to pay low National Insurance premiums. Some of them had even received poverty allowances that they were not entitled to.

After the National Insurance Institute's check the moshavniks' insurance contributions were doubled. Only 20 of them complained about the new rates and seven of these dropped their opposition after having the situation explained to them.

The National Insurance officials believe that the moshavniks may have evaded paying as much as IL5m. in tax.

UNRWA workers hold warning strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA. — Sixteen thousand UN Relief and Works Agency workers in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon are holding a one-day warning strike today. Eight hospitals here will be without their 1,800 UNRWA employees, and 1,700 teachers will also not report to work.

The strikers claim that prices in Israel are rising faster than the value of their dollar-based wages, causing their real income to drop. If the warning does not bring results, they say, an indefinite strike will begin on February 10.

UNRWA management in Vienna reports a $6m. deficit for this year, and expects a similar one for next year. Sources close to UNRWA say that a plan has been drawn up for the dismissal of 3,000 teachers in Middle East schools. This would affect the studies of 90,000 pupils in UNRWA schools. Over 100,000 Palestinian children attend these schools in the West Bank and Gaza alone.

Negev Beduin file complaint against harassment by the 'Green Patrol'

By HARRY WALL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Two Beduin from the Ofakim area have filed a complaint with the police, charging that representatives of the "Green Patrol" and the Israel Lands Administration used scare tactics and vandalized property during the expulsion of a Beduin family allegedly living on the site illegally. Police are investigating the claim that three shots were fired in the air during the action to threaten the Beduin.

According to Mohammed Ariati and Suleiman Harumi, 20 men arrived on Sunday in five trucks and four jeeps, and removed 200 sheep and over 100 bales of hay belonging to the Beduin. Harumi and his family, members of the Azazma tribe, were relocated to a site south of Beersheba.

When the Beduin objected that their case for the land, contested by nearby Moshav Bit'ha, is pending in court, they claim the government representatives replied, "We are the judges and the police."

Yael Shoham, spokesman for the Nature Reserves Authority, which administers the "Green Patrol," told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Harumi family had been found by the Beersheba District Court to be living illegally on the land and was given until December 24 to leave. She said that when they were still found to be there on December 25 (Monday), the court issued instructions for them to be relocated to the Beersheba site. She denied, however, that any shots were fired or that any violence was used.

Last March, the same Beduin filed a complaint against members of Moshav Bit'ha for allegedly burning three tents and vandalizing their farm equipment.

Six inside volcano survive eruption

WASHINGTON (AP). — A team of four New Zealand and two American scientists escaped uninjured from an Antarctic volcano that twice erupted on Saturday while they were inside seeking gas samples, it was reported yesterday.

A spokesman for the National Science Foundation said a report of the incident was confirmed by personnel of the U.S. Antarctic research base at McMurdo.

The team studying the mechanics of volcanoes was headed by Dr. Warner Giggenbac of Hamilton, New Zealand, and included U.S. geologists Phil Kyle and William McIntosh, both of Ohio State University.

The volcano Erebus, inside a 3,794-metre mountain, erupted while the scientists were approaching an interior lava lake, throwing out thousands of volcanic bombs. A second eruption occurred before the men had climbed out of the crater.

Giggenbach was reported to have been hit on the leg by one fragment, but none of the six-man team was injured. All were equipped with helmets, gas masks and protective clothing.

ELECTRICITY. The Electric Corporation has begun to instal electricity in six more Arab villages in Galilee.

Contestants at the first International Zionism Quiz for Jewish Youth, which was held yesterday at the Jerusalem Theatre. First prize was won by Israeli Yoav Reisman, with 87 points. In a tie for second place were Hanna Yarovolinski, a fluent Hebrew-speaking Uruguayan, and Israeli Avi Ashkenazi. Thirty-one teenagers from 18 countries took part in the finals of the competition. (Zoom 77)

Abuhatzeira would curtail manoeuvres of chief rabbis

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

The two incumbent chief rabbis will have less leeway for manipulation than before — and less chance of causing delays — in the election of the next two chief rabbis, which is scheduled to take place next summer.

This emerged from yesterday's meeting in the Knesset between Labour and National Religious Party leaders on the outlines of an amendment to the Chief Rabbinate Elections Law, drafted by Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzeira (NRP).

The minister's proposal, which is virtually certain to get final Labour agreement, is to create a permanent electoral college, instead of forming one for each election. Members of the electoral college will serve on it by virtue of their functions, age and seniority. Since these criteria will all be spelled out beforehand, the electoral college could be convened in a week or two, instead of several months as happened in the past, when each chief rabbi also was able to manipulate his own men into the college.

Abuhatzeira, who sought Labour's advice beforehand, also proposes the chief rabbis' term be 10 years at one stretch, with no possibility of re-election. The two chief rabbis would serve, alternating, 30 months as chief rabbi and as president of the Supreme Rabbinical Court, respectively.

The compartmentalization would prevent one chief rabbi from sabotaging the work of his peer, as is the case today.

Abuhatzeira, with Labour approval, would also propose that the Chief Rabbinate Council be formed according to functionaries. This would prevent each chief rabbi working to get places for his own men.

The council, as such, would be granted more powers under the new law, such as the power to appoint a disciplinary court to try a rabbi suspected of conduct unbecoming his office. This court could dismiss a refractory rabbi. The council would create a framework for putting would-be rabbis through examinations in the way that *dayanim* (religious court judges) are supposed to be examined and certified.

The Likud is expected to support the Labour-NRP proposals, at least in broad outline. The elections, which were to be held last June, were postponed to June 1979. To enable the cabinet and then the Knesset to prepare the necessary legislation, the agreement of the big parties will have to be secured by the end of next month.

Sefardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who has campaigned in the past to have one chief rabbi in Israel — not two — is likely to criticize the Labour-NRP ideas.

Agudat Israel is also said to be critical of the reform, partly because of its dislike of Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, whom it accuses of denying jobs to graduates of Aguda-sponsored yeshivot.

One anonymous Aguda source told *The Jerusalem Post*: "Labour and the NRP are cooking things up to guarantee Goren another 10 years in office. We shall fight that, but because we have no claim under the coalition agreement, we shall be fighting a losing battle — albeit a raucous one."

Negotiating for Labour were party chairman Shimon Peres, former minister Haim Bar-Lev, and MKs Moshe Shahal, Menahem Hacohen and Uzi Baram. For the NRP — Abuhatzeira and MKs Yehuda Ben-Meir and David Glass.

Israel should have allowed politics in West Bank, says former adviser

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Israel should have involved itself politically in the life of Judea and Samaria and should not have prohibited political activity on the part of the local Arab residents, a former adviser to the military government said yesterday.

By its policy in both these spheres, Israel effectively silenced the moderates, but was powerless to prevent the militants from organising clandestinely, Prof. Menahem Milson told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Milson said the militants had such a clear field that they found it easy to sweep most of the municipal councils in the 1976 municipal elections and put pro-PLO men in there.

But the professor said pro-Jordanian elements on the West Bank still exerted considerable influence, partly because of pressure that leading West Bankers wielded in Amman, and partly because of the flow of money over the Jordan River.

Milson wrote a letter to committee chairman Moshe Arens (Likud), saying that he was misquoted in the press on the basis of leaks from the committee. He said reports of the meeting in question caused harm because the issue was sensitive.

Peled: PLO covenant should and may change

The Israel Council for Israel-Palestine Peace neither recommends nor demands that Israel negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization until its covenant — which calls for Israel's destruction — is changed, said council member Aluf (res.) Mattityahu Peled yesterday. But, he added, "We know that Israel's willingness to negotiate with the PLO would likely bring about amendment of the covenant or its replacement by a new one."

At a press conference called by the group, "Ha'olam Hazeh" editor Uri Avneri added that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat publicly stated his readiness, recently, to recognize the State of Israel, if a Palestinian state is established on the West Bank and Gaza. Avneri predicted that a Palestinian government-in-exile would be established soon. Peace without the Palestinian people is impossible, he said, and peace with the Palestinian people means PLO participation.

Lod bombing causes no injuries or damage

A small bomb exploded in Lod's Orly Square yesterday evening behind a local supermarket. No one was injured in the explosion and no damage was caused, a police spokesman said. Several Arabic leaflets were found at the site, and police are investigating. (Itim)

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The funeral will leave the Soroka Hospital, Beersheba at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, December 27, 1978, for the local cemetery.

The family
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Ehrlich angry with Gafny over meeting with Moda'i

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Relations between Bank of Israel Governor Arnon Gafny and Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich are strained because Ehrlich believes Gafny tried to conceal from him a meeting the bank chief held on Sunday with Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

In a telephone conversation on Monday Ehrlich got the impression that Gafny was attempting to keep him in the dark about his meeting with the energy minister. After confirming that such a meeting had taken place, Ehrlich phoned Gafny back in the evening to express his anger.

Bank of Israel officials said last night that Gafny suspected that there was an attempt under foot to involve him in a political intrigue which has nothing to do with him.

The governor concerns himself s[illegible] ly with professional econom[illegible] matters, the officials stressed. T[illegible] noted that Gafny regularly me[illegible] ministers and that he met yester[illegible] with Labour and Social Affa[illegible] Minister Israel Katz.

Senior Finance Ministry offici[illegible] noted yesterday that they had b[illegible] somewhat surprised by the fact th[illegible] at what should have been the [illegible] meeting to authorize the framew[illegible] of next year's budget. Gafny h[illegible] suddenly produced a proposal to [illegible] the budget by IL5b. Only a few we[illegible] before he had supported Ehrlic[illegible] budget proposal, they noted.

The officials also drew attention [illegible] the fact that Gafny's proposal h[illegible] been submitted to Prime Minis[illegible] Menahem Begin, with only a copy [illegible] Ehrlich.

Gafny was not available for co[illegible] ment last night.

Brown postpones Middle East trip

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Pentagon sources yesterday disclosed that Defence Secretary Harold Brown has postponed his scheduled January visit to Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

The sources cited several factors for the decision to delay the visit. They noted that, until the recent Geneva meeting between Vance and Soviet Foreign Minister Gromyko, Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev had been expected to visit Washington in January just prior to the scheduled arrival here of the Chinese prime minister.

President Carter wanted Brown to be on hand to participate in those sessions. Brown is also scheduled to testify before Congress next month on the new proposed defence budget.

The sources noted, however, t[illegible] the defence secretary also decided [illegible] postpone his visit because of [illegible] deadlock in the Israeli-Egypti[illegible] negotiations.

Brown wanted to do more th[illegible] "just visit" Israel, Egypt and Sa[illegible] Arabia, the sources said. He want[illegible] to "conclude" some deals, whi[illegible] would have to await the conclusion [illegible] the peace treaty.

Shortly after the Camp David su[illegible] mit, the pentagon announced th[illegible] Brown would be visiting Isra[illegible] Egypt and Saudi Arabia in Januar[illegible] At that time, everyone expect[illegible] Israel and Egypt to have conclud[illegible] the treaty negotiations by mi[illegible] December.

Brown will be discussing the U.[illegible] military relationship with the thr[illegible] countries whenever he does ma[illegible] the visit, his first to the Middle Ea[illegible] since taking office.

'China strengthening ties with Arabs'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — China, while opening full diplomatic ties with the U.S., is also strengthening and extending its relations with Arab nations in a bid to counter Soviet influence in the Middle East, "The Christian Science Monitor" reported yesterday.

"Peking has in recent months launched a Middle East diplomatic offensive ranging from the ultra-conservative Gulf sultanate of Oman to pro-Soviet states like Libya and Iraq," the newspaper said in a report from its Beirut correspondent.

Quoting Arab diplomats, th[illegible] newspaper said that the Chine[illegible] have even opened cautious, inform[illegible] contact with Saudi Arabia, a stro[illegible] opponent of communism.

It pointed out that China establis[illegible] ed diplomatic relations with Om[illegible] last spring and agreed a few mont[illegible] later to open ties with Libya.

"The major aim of the diplomat[illegible] thrust clearly is to counter Soviet [illegible] fluence in the Middle East an[illegible] across the Red Sea from Sau[illegible] Arabia, on the Horn of Africa," th[illegible] newspaper said.

ISRAEL WOULD RETHINK

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be revised, so that the Egyptian desire for a mandatory review of the Sinai security arrangements be expressed, without, however, tying the parties down to a precise date for that review.

The sources indicated that Premier Begin and Foreign Minister Dayan were basically in agreement on the position Israel should adopt. The sources expected it to be carried unanimously, or at any rate by a large majority.

They made it clear that Israel's chief concern is with Article 6. "If the Egyptians remain adamant on Article 6," the sources said, "nothing will happen. There will be a long time-out."

At yesterday's meeting only six ministers spoke. Others will speak at the follow-up meeting set for Sunday, and the Premier will sum up.

Dayan came under attack from Ministers Moshe Nissim and David Levy for his Sunday night airport arrival statement urging both Israel and Egypt to make concessions. He did not reply in his own defence, and the Premier did not speak for him.

The impression was that man[illegible] ministers, even those who agree[illegible] with the substance of Dayan [illegible] remarks, thought he had been wro[illegible] to make them publicly in this wa[illegible] before reporting to the Premier a[illegible] the Cabinet.

Dayan, who opened yesterday [illegible] session with his report, is understo[illegible] to recommend the following:

• Israel should reiterate it[illegible] readiness to sign the draft treaty an[illegible] annexes, as it declared it was read[illegible] to do back on November 21.

• Israel should express its desire [illegible] continue the talks with Egypt, with[illegible] special reference to Article 4 and [illegible] the accompanying letter.

• On Article 4, Israel should n[illegible] agree to a specific review date, bu[illegible] should seek, together with Egyp[illegible] mutually acceptable language.

• On the letter, Israel should refe[illegible] to the original draft, presented to th[illegible] two sides at the Blair House talks [illegible] October by President Carter himse[illegible] which did not contain a specifi[illegible] "target date."

• On Article 6(v) Israel should see[illegible] from the U.S. a revised interpreta[illegible] tion which would take into accou[illegible] the Israeli reading of the Article.

RETARDATES

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wrote, he kept asking his hosts, "Where are these residents going to go once they gain enough skills?" The answer was usually something like, "The community won't accept (these) people," "There are no community programmes," or "families are not willing to take them back."

Not all the report was critical, however. Colombatto lavishly praised the care workers, who often handle 12 or more people. "They were never complaining, always trying to do the best they could for these residents," he wrote. He added that the quality of care and attention given the retarded "struck me so that I was trying to compare it with the many institutions I visited in America, and the comparison was outstandingly different. I rarely sa[illegible] that kind of concern and care in mo[illegible] American institutions from th[illegible] child-care worker."

But despite all the attention [illegible] Colombatto argues that unless in[illegible] dividual programmes for the in[illegible] stitutionalized retarded are create[illegible] these institutions' continued ex[illegible] istence could no longer be justifie[illegible] Among his recommendations are [illegible] train staff members more intensive[illegible] ly in handling the problems an[illegible] needs of the retarded; to make a[illegible] government institutions short-ter[illegible] facilities to prevent, where possib[illegible] life-time commitment; and to unde[illegible] take an aggressive public informa[illegible] tion campaign to change attitude[illegible] about the capabilities of the retarde[illegible] ed.

THOUSANDS RIOT

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been shut down since Sunday following failure of an attempt to reopen them after six weeks.

The broadcasts also repeated warnings to parents to keep their children away from demonstrations. Many of the rioters have been high school age youths.

Most of the trouble occurred near Teheran University, which has been closed since September, and in a large area between the U.S. embassy and the headquarters of the National Iranian Oil Company, NIOC.

In one trouble spot, office workers showered troops with papers and a few rocks as they attempted to drive away a group of about 100 demonstrators who had blocked the street with a bus.

In Washington, the U.S. State Department said yesterday th[illegible] crude oil exports from Iran ha[illegible] stopped and the country was facin[illegible] significant problems.

Department spokesman Hoddin[illegible] Carter reiterated the Ad[illegible] ministration's support for the sha[illegible] But he added that the U.S. wanted t[illegible] see the Teheran government pu[illegible] forward some solution to the cou[illegible] try's troubles that would bring [illegible] return to stability.

The spokesman said the situatio[illegible] remained tense yesterday at th[illegible] oilfields. Both U.S. and Irania[illegible] oilworkers had received threats, h[illegible] said.

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Jerusalem

Teachers back, but problems remain

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"They beat you! You lost!" was a common commiserative statement or jeer by pupils renewing acquaintances with secondary school teachers who returned to work yesterday.

In most of the country's 800 senior and junior high schools studies resumed smoothly after the teachers walked out on November 12.

"We encountered no special problems," said one comprehensive school principal in Jerusalem.

In a small number of junior high schools in the Haifa area, teachers affiliated with the Histadrut Teachers Union refused to give up their Hanukka vacations, because the Histadrut did not strike.

But, Histadrut teachers were locked out by the Secondary School Teachers Association strike, which closed most of the schools.

Yesterday most Histadrut teachers heeded calls to return to classrooms by the secretary-general of their union, Dr. Shalom Levin, and by the Education Ministry's director-general, Eliezer Shmueli.

Negotiations between Levin and ministry officials are soon due to begin on the teaching schedules of Histadrut-affiliated teachers during upcoming holidays and during the summer vacation.

Schools are due to be open for an extra three weeks in the summer to make up the time lost during the strike.

The secondary school section of the Histadrut Teachers Union yesterday announced that its members would make up the eight November school days they were on strike by teaching during the Hanukka and Pessah vacations.

Another problem is that several hundred development town and city slum youths are estimated to have dropped out of school during the strike. The Education Ministry has set into motion an operation to identify the dropouts and try to induce them to return to school.

Some 140 truancy officers are expected to concentrate their efforts on these dropouts in the coming weeks.

Also as a result of the strike, the Education Ministry is currently preparing an "emergency plan" for pupil programmes in case of future strikes.

Many of the teachers who returned to work yesterday are bitter — some at the government, for its intransigence during the negotiations, and some at their union leaders for what they consider an uncalled-for submission to Ehrlich's terms. Some are angry at both.

But most teachers appeared unworried by the prospects of 12th graders facing matriculation exams in the summer.

"There is still sufficient time to get them ready — especially if we all work during holidays, as planned," one teacher told *The Jerusalem Post*.

The Education Ministry apparently concurs with this view and has decided not to defer examination dates. A ministry spokesman said that if the teachers "pay back" the lost days, the 12th graders should be as prepared as in previous years for matriculation.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday reported to President Yitzhak Navon and to Prime Minister Menahem Begin on the end of the strike and on the settlement with the teachers. He thanked Navon for his contribution to solving the crisis.

Not all teachers return to class

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Not all the high school teachers have returned to work.

A substantial number of teachers here have found themselves alternative employment during the secondary school teachers' strike, and are not prepared to walk off their new jobs without giving a month's notice.

An even more serious difficulty is being caused by teachers who do not want to go back to their schools because their new jobs are more satisfactory to them than teaching. In this category are mainly trade school teachers whose skills are much sought by industrial plants where pay is higher than in the school system.

POORLY PELICAN. — A member of Moshav Neviot feeds a pelican which hurt its leg during its autumn journey north from Africa. The bird was cared for by officials of the Nature Reserves Authority in Ofira before being handed over to the moshav (Ya'acov Katz, Nofim)

January C-o-L hike won't cost treasury

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Reporter

Paying wage-earners a cost-of-living increase in January will cost the treasury nothing, according to Finance Ministry calculations.

Because the Histadrut and the treasury have reached a de facto agreement not to adjust income tax brackets in January, many workers will be pushed into higher brackets by the increased C-o-L allowance. So the treasury's income from taxes will cover the state's expenses in C-o-L payments to its own employees.

As a result of Histadrut demands for a January C-o-L adjustment in advance of the regular April adjustment, the Finance Ministry devised a formula that would give the workers an 8.3 per cent hike. Although the Histadrut is expected to demand at least 10 per cent, the difference in cost to the treasury will not be significant.

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich is due to meet today with Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel to discuss the Histadrut demand for a January C-o-L hike. The Histadrut says workers should not have to wait six months (that is, until April) to be compensated for soaring prices.

Ehrlich is expected to inform Meshel of the stand the treasury will take in an upcoming cabinet meeting to discuss the January C-o-L hike.

According to the treasury formula, the January increase should be 8.3 per cent, based on the June-to-August price rises. But the Histadrut has argued that this C-o-L formula is arbitrary and not legally binding.

Although the C-o-L rise won't cost anything in itself, treasury sources say sharp price increases in the economy that could follow a C-o-L hike would cause indirect costs to the treasury.

Meshel told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the Histadrut will "struggle with all its strength," if no C-o-L increase is forthcoming next month. He said the relative quiet among workers is the result of their trust in his leadership, because "what Meshel promises, Meshel delivers." He said the workers know he will get them a C-o-L increase.

Foreign Ministry to learn what happened to Yehuda

By BARUCH SAVILLE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Foreign Ministry source yesterday expressed concern over the manner in which Britain refused to let 22-year-old Yehuda Sharabi of Tel Aviv enter the country, as was reported on Monday in *The Jerusalem Post*.

The source, stating that his only knowledge of the incident comes from *The Post* article, said the ministry will take up the matter with the British authorities after studying a letter from Yitzhak Tunik, chairman of the Israel Bar Association.

Tunik was aboard the El Al flight which returned Sharabi to Israel. Feeling compassion for the young Israeli, the lawyer offered his services.

Tunik told *The Post* yesterday that he was later contacted by Sharabi and, as a result, wrote a letter to Yosef Ciechanover, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, regarding the matter.

The ministry source, in explaining the concern felt, referred also to a British immigration official's reported refusal to allow Sharabi to contact the Israeli consul.

There was also concern over the immigration official's reported reference to "you bloody Jews..." when he was examining Sharabi's suitcase.

In his letter, Tunik noted that it was not the fact that Sharabi was refused entry that mattered. Britain was acting within its rights to refuse entry to anyone it chose, and there is no indication that any anti-Israel or anti-Jewish bias was involved.

But, the letter continued, Sharabi was stunned by the hostile attitude displayed by the British immigration officials.

"He was arrested and held in threatening circumstances for a day and a night, together with dozens of Arabs, Iranians and others. His life was in real peril. The British officials behaved towards him in the best Mandatory spirit, calling him all the insulting names once applied to the Jews in (Mandatory) Palestine," Tunik wrote.

Sharabi, who had intended to visit England for "some couple of days" — his own words, spoken in broken English to *The Post* interviewer — actually made a 24-hour round trip.

Sharabi (Israel Sun)

After his arrival at Heathrow Airport, he was denied entry and held overnight in a terminal room. Where, because most of the occupants were Arabs, he felt his life was in danger. The following morning he was placed aboard the El Al return flight.

Sharabi, who lives with his grandmother in a house bordering the Carmel Market, showed *The Post* the documents from the British Home Office, which were given to him by the security official who turned him over to the El Al crew.

One document notified a firm called Securicor Ltd. to have Sharabi removed to an El Al aircraft and to ensure that he not be permitted to disembark at any other UK destination. Another document dealt with Securicor detaining him pending further examination.

The third document concerned Sharabi's request to visit Britain for "two days" and the immigration officer being "not satisfied that Sharabi intends to stay for only this limited period nor that no more than a visit is intended."

Capt. Shlomo Amiran, pilot of the El Al return flight, described the manner in which Sharabi was handed over to the crew as standard procedure for expelled persons. He said this type of incident did not warrant any special inclusion in the captain's flight report.

Parents still worried as schools reopen

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The parents of Israel's secondary school students heaved a sigh of relief as school reopened yesterday. But some of them said they are still worried.

"I'm afraid it's not the end of the story," one mother said. "The teachers still don't have a work contract and can decide to strike again."

Another mother was upset because she thought the strike had caused children to lose respect for their teachers. "They see teachers as just another group of workers, and I've heard some children say the teachers lacked guts if they gave in without holding out for what they wanted."

A third mother complained that the Ministry of Education had promised that children who found work during the strike could stay out of school for another few days to give their bosses notice. "When I called to ask if my daughter could stay out for a day or two to finish up her job, nobody knew what I was talking about. That's anti-educational. It teaches young people that the establishment doesn't keep its promises and doesn't care about being fair."

"I don't have any complaints," another mother said. "To tell you the truth, my son didn't open a book all the time school was closed. He enjoyed working, and I was beginning to worry that he might not want to go back to school. As long as he took his books and went, nothing else bothers me."

Some pupils expressed sorrow at having to go back to school in the middle of what should have been their Hanukka vacation. But the majority opinion seemed to be that it was better to go back to school.

"I'm not a bookworm or anything," an 11th grader hastened to insist, "but there is a Bagrut to worry about. I do want to get ahead in life, and going to the movies or working as a messenger boy won't get me anywhere."

Two teachers expressed opposing views. "I think we had to go back to school," one said. "Someone in this country has to worry about educating the children, and I fear the government isn't particularly sensitive to the problem. If the strike had gone on, either more of the public would have turned against us, or the general apathy would have continued and certainly not helped our cause."

"All this talk about responsibility is well and good," another teacher complained. "But I don't think we accomplished anything, or at least not enough, and I think that by ending the strike now we've left a bad impression. That isn't going to help attract good people to teaching and isn't going to make parents and pupils respect us more. And if you want to talk about responsibility, what about our responsibility to bring home enough money to support a family decently?"

Wimpy man chops 'Ha'aretz' lawyer

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The 133rd witness for the defence in Bezalel Mizrahi's IL10m. marathon libel suit against "Ha'aretz" turned the tables on the newspaper's attorney yesterday and accused him of ruining his business.

Eli Tissona, manager of the Wimpy Israel company, shouted angrily in the Tel Aviv District Court that lawyer Shlomo Lieblich "has been shedding my blood for a year and a half." He said his children were ashamed of him and that he was embarrassed to do his reserve army duty "because they whisper about me behind my back."

The witness also accused "Ha'aretz" reporter Avi Valentin, who wrote the series of articles on organized crime over which Mizrahi is suing the newspaper, of "destroying my firm." He said that Wimpy had been due to make a big deal with kibbutzim but that the kibbutzim had withdrawn after Lieblich's assertion that the company was a "front" for the activities of Tuviya Oshri and Rahamim Aharoni, friends of Mizrahi who have throughout the trial consistently denied any business connection with the millionaire contractor and hotelier.

The Wimpy manager declared several times during yesterday's hearing that Oshri and Aharoni had no investments in his company. But he confirmed that Wimpy has a subsidiary called "Salat La'oved" which is housed in a building in Tel Aviv's Yemenite quarter belonging to Oshri's mother.

The trial was adjourned.

Inflation tops nation's worries

Israelis are more worried by inflation and by the country's economic condition than they are by anything else, according to a public opinion poll published yesterday.

The poll, conducted by the Israel Institute of Applied Social Research and the Hebrew University's Communications Institute between December 20 and December 24, reveals that 90 per cent of the adult urban Jewish population were either "worried" or "very worried" about inflation.

Pollsters found, however, that only 41 per cent of those questioned were "worried" or "very worried" by their personal economic position. The remaining 59 per cent of the sample were less concerned by their own economic problems.

The poll also showed that 81 per cent of those questioned were "worried" or "very worried" by the general political situation. Sixty-five per cent expressed similar concern for the state of the peace talks with Egypt, and 35 per cent were optimistic.

Radio to Diaspora

Post Knesset Reporter

If the Broadcasting Authority management and technicians do not work out an arrangement at next week's meeting to start late-night shortwave broadcasts to the U.S. and the Soviet Union, the programmes should be broadcast by Galei Zahal, the army network, or by a private firm, the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee urged yesterday.

For the past five years, IL100m. worth of transmitting equipment has been lying idle because the authority and the technicians cannot agree on overtime pay schedules.

After-midnight hours are the only good reception times for the proposed casts to North and South America.

Zim seaman killed

HAIFA. — A Zim company seaman, Shimon Abadi, 51, was killed in a work accident on board his ship, the Zim California, in Genoa harbour on Sunday, it was reported yesterday.

Abadi was hit on the head by a mooring rope while the ship was being shifted to a different quay. Abadi, who was married, had worked for Zim for 10 years. He was the ship's chief oiler.

Youth soccer tourney

A four-nation international youth soccer tournament kicks off at 2 p.m. today at the Tel Aviv University grounds with Israel playing against Switzerland. The other countries whose youth international teams are participating in the tournament are Denmark and Greece.

Kollek holds talks on new Ramot road

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek met yesterday with representatives of the Orthodox Kiryat Zanz neighbourhood and police officials in an attempt to avert renewed friction on Saturday between religious elements and drivers using the new road to Ramot.

Kollek repeated his call for tolerance and restraint. A similar appeal is expected to be made to residents of Ramot.

LOTTO. — The winning numbers in this week's Lotto drawing were 1, 4, 11, 14, 26 and 27. The extra number was 13, and the top prize was IL1,-184,152.

Hanukka torch relayed to Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three thousand Maccabi members from Israel and abroad watched yesterday as an 80-year-old man, the movement's most senior member, lit the traditional Hanukka torch at the tombs of the Maccabees at Modi'in.

Mordechai Ben-Dror then passed the torch to 48-year-old Sylvia Weiner, from Canada, who began the 70-member chain that relayed the torch via Yad Vashem, Mount Herzl, the Knesset, and Ammunition Hill to the Western Wall by 6 p.m. Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dulzin and World Maccabi chairman Yisrael Peled were among the VIPs present at the Modi'in ceremony.

Acting Knesset Speaker Moshe Meron lit the Knesset candelabrum from the torch in the presence of the Maccabi national executive and 200 young members of Young Maccabi.

At Beit Hanassi, where the Young Maccabi members gathered last night, President Yitzhak Navon kindled three candles of the *hanukkiya* with the torch from Modi'in. Navon read out a telegram he had received from a dozen Soviet Jewish refuseniks announcing a one-day solidarity fast with their imprisoned brethren. The president called the signatories "the brave Maccabees of our time."

In their annual Hanukka operation, hundreds of Habad hassidim have been busy bringing traditional gifts of doughnuts and Hanukka candles to army bases from the Golan to Ofira.

PROJECT ORANGE. — The first 250 South American participants in the World Zionist Organization's "Project Orange" arrived late Monday night at Ben-Gurion Airport.

WE TOO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ON THE ISSUE OF

BEIT HALOCHEM, HAIFA.

Recently, persons concerned with the Beit Halochem, Haifa issue, initiated, through the press, an unbridled attack on Zahal Disabled Veterans Organisation and its National Committee chairman, Mr. Shlomo Lador.

Right from the beginning, Zahal Disabled Veterans Organisation decided to resolve the matter through the normal legal machinery of Israel, namely, the courts of law. However, other parties concerned think that they can obtain justice through the press. The party whose petition has been dismissed in the High Court of Justice only a short while ago, hurries to prove his "case" by improperly hurling charges in all directions as in the days of the witch-hunts.

Mr. Shlomo Lador, Chairman of the National Committee, is accused of deliberately "inviting" engineering experts' reports, as well as other groundless charges.

THE ACTIONS OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WITH RESPECT TO BEIT HALOCHEM, HAIFA, WERE ON BEHALF OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ZAHAL DISABLED VETERANS ORGANISATION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS COMPETENT RESOLUTIONS.

The National Committee of Zahal Disabled Veterans Organisation strongly rejects these groundless charges and invites anybody casting accusations to prove his case in a competent court and not by a lynch in the press.

Zahal Disabled Veterans Organisation has instituted a public form of legal process for a case requiring expert knowledge and a full inquiry, possible only in a court of law which is exclusively competent to do so.

Zahal Disabled Veterans Organisation, more than any other person or body, is interested in revealing the truth, and we shall continue to provide the police with all documents, information and assistance, as we have done in the past.

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H.E. the Ambassador of Australia, Mr. Walter P.J. Handmer, and a delegation from Australia.
Visitors from Australia may apply for invitations during morning hours, Tel. 35430, 584725.

Gandhi, freed, shrugs off violence

NEW DELHI. — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi emerged last night from a one-week stay in prison, looking jaunty and well-rested, and disclaiming any responsibility for a week of violent demonstrations and a jetliner hijacking staged in protest against her arrest.

"I don't think our people indulged in violence — certainly not our people — only agents provocateurs — certainly not our people," she told reporters shortly after leaving Delhi's Tihar jail.

The 61-year-old opposition leader dismissed as "purely politically motivated" parliament's vote one week ago to expel and jail her for interfering with a 1975 legislative probe of her son's auto business.

Nearly 2,000 exultant supporters cheered and tossed bouquets of flowers at her as she appeared at the jail gate.

Gandhi's arrest stirred a week of nationwide agitation in which at least 16 persons died and more than 125,000 of her backers were arrested, hundreds were injured, buses were burned, trains derailed, government buildings attacked and a domestic jet hijacked.

Since the hijackers surrendered and nobody was hurt, she told an impromptu news conference, "it looks like it was a prank...I don't approve of hijacking, but I don't think that these people deserve a hard punishment..."

Gandhi said that if she decides to re-enter parliament, her first choice would be to contest for the vacancy created by her expulsion, representing the south Indian district of Chikmagalur.

She voiced scorn about the faction-ridden government of Prime Minister Morarji Desai, on whose parliamentary motion she was jailed. "I think it's obvious to everybody, isn't it, that there isn't much government in this country," she said.

The major formality preceding Mrs. Gandhi's release was completed when President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, India's chief of state, signed official documents closing the current session of parliament.

The lower house voted 279 to 138 last week that Gandhi should be imprisoned until the end of the session for breach of privilege and contempt of parliament.

Many supporters were arrested voluntarily, climbing into police wagons in the passive resistance style of India's independence struggle against Britain. Thousands of these have been released.

The anti-government demonstrations reached a violent climax in Bombay during Prime Minister Morarji Desai's weekend visit to the port city. Delayed reports yesterday said three persons had been killed when Bombay motorists lost control of cars being stoned by demonstrators trying to enforce a work and traffic shutdown staged on behalf of Mrs. Gandhi. (AP)

A bouquet of flowers is handed to Indira Gandhi, India's former prime minister, as she comes out of jail in New Delhi yesterday after a week behind bars. (UPI telephoto)

Viet refugees threaten to kill ship captain, selves

HONGKONG (AP). — Vietnamese refugees aboard the Taiwanese freighter Huey Fong, which has been denied permission to dock here, say they will kill the captain if he attempts to sail and then kill themselves.

"Many refugees are desperate and they are liable to do anything," Captain Shu Wen-shin said in an interview by radio telephone. "As long as I do not sail the ship, I'm in no danger. But if I raise the anchor they will kill me.

One person, who identified himself as Huang Tai and as a spokesman for the refugees, shouted over the telephone in Chinese: "We are going to kill the captain if he sails the ship and then we will all kill ourselves."

Huang said they refused to go to Taiwan because "we are all Vietnamese and Taiwan will not accept us. Besides, Taiwan is not a member of the UN and it is in no position to help us."

The 2,290-ton Panamanian-registered ship jammed with more than 2,700 refugees, including three Japanese women, has been anchored 1.5 km. outside Hongkong waters since Saturday.

It was refused permission to enter the colony because its next port of call was not Hongkong, but the Taiwanese southern port city of Kaohsiung.

Meanwhile, Japan announced yesterday it will increase its financial assistance to the UN Indochinese refugee programme by $11.5m. in fiscal 1979.

Foreign ministry spokesman Yoshizo Konishi told reporters in Tokyo the money was destined for Thailand and Malaysia, because those two countries "are the ones in need of it most."

Soviets blast U.S. press SALT stories

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Soviet press yesterday said that the U.S and the Soviet Union had drawn close to conclusion of a new strategic arms limitation agreement and denounced Western press reports that the Soviets had blocked SALT.

The official Communist Party daily "Pravda" said: "The USSR sought and seeks to bring closer the day of signing a new agreement on limiting strategic offensive arms, an agreement which is of immense importance for the cause of peace."

"The statement which Cyrus Vance made upon returning to the U.S. capital once again confirms the positive results of the Geneva talks," "Pravda" said.

"Strange in this context are some newspaper commentaries across the ocean," "Pravda" said. "The New York Times' asserts that in Geneva the Soviet Union displayed unwillingness to complete the SALT talks."

"The Washington Post' writes about some Soviet intention to block a SALT agreement for some tactical considerations," it continued.

"Such information — or, to be exact, misinformation — is prompted either by lack of information on the course of the talks or by a deliberate effort to distort the essence of the Soviet stand although it is not at all the Soviet stand that ought to be blamed for the SALT-2 talks still uncompleted," Pravda said.

Vance arrives home with the bacon

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance failed to bring home from his trip to Europe either a Middle East agreement or a SALT arms treaty, but he did bring home some bacon.

Before landing at Andrews Air Force Base on Sunday, reporters accompanying Vance awarded the secretary a prize — a pound of bacon.

"This gift contains no salt and has been rejected by both parties in the Middle East," Reuter's correspondent Roy Gutman told Vance.

Thai insurgents rob train of IL1.4m.

BANGKOK (AP). — A band of about 100 Communist insurgents held up a train in southern Thailand yesterday and killed one police officer before making off with 1.5m. baht (IL1.4m.) of the year-end salaries of southern provincial officials, police said.

The officer, identified as Pol. Capt. Sawai Pholthana, was shot dead in front of a group of passengers after the insurgents denounced him as a "people's enemy," police said.

Police said that the insurgents seized the Na Sarn train station in Surat Thani province, 539 km. south of Bangkok, early yesterday and awaited the arrival of the Bangkok-Nakhon Si Thammarat train with three police officers on board with the money.

The insurgents reportedly summoned a group of passengers and gave a 30-minute lecture on "the country's enemy" before escaping with the cash.

Another southbound train had turned around near Surat Thani province Monday after receiving a tip-off that a group of insurgents was waiting to hold up the train, police added.

Vietnam accuses China of border attack

BANGKOK (AP). — Vietnam yesterday accused Chinese soldiers of attacking a Vietnamese patrol unit and abducting Vietnamese border guards over the weekend.

The Voice of Vietnam radio, monitored in Bangkok, said about 200 Chinese troops attacked the patrolmen with sub-machineguns and grenades on Saturday, and abducted four Vietnamese border guards at marker post two in Cao Lang province, 200 km. north of Hanoi.

The radio said a Vietnamese rescue party rushed to the scene but was intercepted by Chinese machinegun fire. Blood was spilled, the broadcast said, but it did not give details on casualties.

Vietnam also claimed yesterday that its armed forces killed almost 400 Cambodian soldiers who intruded into two border provinces over the weekend.

The Vietnam news agency, also monitored in Bangkok, said about 300 Cambodian soldiers of divisions 221 and 703 were killed on Sunday when they invaded Ben Cau district, Tay Ninh province, 130 km. northwest of Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon.

U.S. youth to Moscow for eye therapy

MOSCOW (UPI). — Thirteen-year-old American David Ross gave up Christmas at home this year to fly to the Soviet Union for eye treatment of a disease that could leave him blind in five years.

David, a junior high school student from Westland, Michigan, and his father, Ralph, arrived in Moscow on December 17 for treatment at the Gelmholtz Institute of Eye Diseases.

David is the 20th American to undergo the special enzyme treatment, which is unavailable in the U.S. Ross said eye specialists he contacted in the U.S. were unaware of the injection treatment "and were not very interested."

Christmas bomb rocks Rome

ROME (UPI). — Detectives yesterday sought the perpetrators of a time bomb outrage near the Italian premier's office and the lower house of Parliament that rounded out a Christmas burst of terrorism.

Police sappers said TNT was used in the powerful device that blew a small, stolen car to pieces 50m. from Premier Giulio Andreotti's official Chigi Palace and the adjacent Chamber of Deputies.

Although there were no injuries in the attack, its proximity to the seat of power made it one of the most audacious of terrorist coups during the holiday season.

Rembrandt's 'Portrait of a Rabbi' stolen

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter). — A Rembrandt and three other paintings valued at a total of $1m were stolen from a museum here on Christmas day. The thieves got into the M.H. De Young memorial museum through a skylight. The Rembrandt, "Portrait of a Rabbi," was the target of an unsuccessful robbery attempt last August, museum officials said.

Tel Aviv 10th grader seen Israel int'l rowing hope

By ZE'EV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Rowing Club believes it has an international champion on its hands. She is Rina Yehuda, a 10th grade pupil all of 15½ years old.

Club trainer Marcelle Ligis, a former member of the Bulgarian national four, waxes enthusiastic when describing the stamina and general performance of his charge.

"She has the rare gift of timing, coordinating her strokes with precisely one-third of her movement cycles in the critical 'pull' phase, and putting her entire 57 kilos rigidly into the act," he says. The outcome: an optimal 120 strokes for 1000 metres, or more than 8 metres with every stroke — considered a winning ratio and one which should lead her to record times in the skiff singles.

For starters, Rina is entered in the world junior championships to be held in Copenhagen next August. The next phase will be the international championship for girls under 18 and, ultimately, the Olympics.

Whether Rina brings any medals home will depend largely on her training endurance. This entails two hours (one in the morning and another in the afternoon) every day of the week, 11 months of the year.

"That's where we have an edge on all the competition — an almost year-round training programme," Ligis says.

The others have an edge in economics. The Tel Aviv club, like most of the country's sport clubs, is chronically in the red, despite a IL100 per month membership fee plus IL1,000 initiation fee. There is a shortage of boats and other training facilities, while the winding Yarkon is anything but an ideal training strip.

Rina is modest about it all: "They (the club experts) are the ones making all the fuss. I came here a couple of months ago because I like to row. I came for the fun."

Syria lifts exit tax on travel to Iraq

DAMASCUS (UPI). — Syria has lifted the exit tax for Syrians and Palestinians living in Syria who wish to travel to Iraq, the state-run Damascus Radio said yesterday.

Lifting the tax was seen as an effort by the government to further consolidate the recent reconciliation between the two Ba'athist regimes, which has ended a decade-long ideological feud.

Somali-Saudi talks to promote cooperation

JEDDAH (UPI). — Somali Vice-President and Defence Minister Lt. Gen. Mohammed Ali Samater arrived in Saudi Arabia yesterday on an official visit.

The official Saudi press agency quoted Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz as saying the Somali-Saudi talks will deal with ways of promoting cooperation between the two states.

Bulging mailbags

MAILBAGS FOR The Jerusalem Post Toy Fund were so heavy yesterday we could not process all of them. A good number were left over till today. Donations at our offices were also heavy yesterday and IL 19,338 came in.

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To this we add the IL23,600 that came in from the delightful fashion show Jerusalem's Stock & Co. presented last week at the Plaza Hotel for the benefit of the Toy Fund and we have IL42,938. This brings the total to IL 400,782.21.

At the same time we must also report that sale of Hanukka tops continues unabated. Despatch is almost up to date. The delay is overcome. They should all be arriving.

Today's list has the annual donation of Misrah Insurance Services Ltd. For years now their Tel Aviv office of agents, staff and management have been upping their contributions so that this year it stands at IL 5,000. And a new one, V.I.P. Travel and Tour, has sent along a cheque for IL 1,415. They promise to keep on working for the Toy Fund.

On our lists for the past few days are an increasing number of donations from children at religious and Sunday schools, temples and synagogues in the U.S. We are pleased to note that many new ones have joined this ever-growing list.

Do order your tops and get your contributions to the 30th drive of the Jerusalem Post Toy Fund without delay. Contributions accepted at all offices of The Jerusalem Post in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel Aviv, and at the Plaza Hotel Jerusalem.

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$25 Victoria Castellanos, Burbank, Calif. Students of the United Hebrew School, Newport, R.I. In honour of our grandsons, Alex Samuel and Eric Seth Gordon by their grandparents, Ruth and Dan Gordon, Baltimore, Md. To the children of Israel, happy Hanukka from L. & R. Kapkin, Phoenix, Arizona.

$20 Roy (13) and Sharon (8) Kessel, Madison, Wisconsin. From Aideen, Mona, Gerald, Louise, Jon and Richard Zeitlin, Waban, Mass.

$18 From Hershel and Marion Markovitz, Pittsburgh, Pa. — in honour of our children, Naomi, Kibbutz Sdeh Eliahu, Joshua and Sarah. "Hai" in honour of the 81st birthday of Pesah Kanzin in Jerusalem, with love and best wishes from all your children in the U.S.A. and Israel. In honour of our children and grandsons in Kiryat Bialystok, Yahud, Israel, Jonathan and Linda, Lior and Avner Perlmutter, and our children Peter and Carol Perlmutter and grandson Ross of West Peabody, Mass — from Saba and Sabta Perlmutter, Winthrop, Mass. In honour of our children, David and Keith Rottman — Mr. & Mrs. Julius Rottman, Chicago, Ill. Rabbi Jonathan A. Schnitzer, Easton, Pa. — from my Discretionary Fund. In honour of our friends, Zery and Rita Cohen of Ramat Hasharon, who are expecting their first child — Bonny, Israel, Dalit and Yael Kahanovitch, Winnipeg, Canada. From Dr. & Mrs. Harvey Mandel, Riverdale, N.Y. — in memory of Golda Meir.

$15 In honour of all of Israel, especially all our friends who live there, happy Hanukka — from Alexandra (age 11) and Elizabeth Anne (age 9) Mandel, Riverdale, N.Y. William D. McCarney, Media, Pa.

IL200 Taini, Ruthie and Judy of Tel Aviv and cousin Jonathan from Chicago. Mrs. Helga Vleigut, celebrating the birth of her grandson Aylon. Habibi Children's Wear; Bridge Circle; Haifa.

$10 Betty and Warren Soloqar, Rochester, N.Y. In honour of our children Judith and Sol Cohane from Margot and Arthur Cohane, Millburn, N.J. Mrs. Etta Movitz, Everett, Mass. In memory of Susan Gale, beloved daughter of Harold and Sarah Weiseman, of Salem, Mass. — Mr. & Mrs. Manuel H. Gaman, Peabody, Mass. Prof. and Mrs. Michael W. Sigall, New York. In honour of my children, Susan Ellen Greenberg and Jonathan David Greenberg — Leonard Greenberg, Spring Valley, N.Y. Mr. & Mrs. Felix Levenbach, Swampscott, Mass. — in honour of Yonatan Livneh, Tiv'on. Pammy and Ali Zentner, Winnipeg, Canada — from our savings, happy Hanukka to the children of Israel. George and Evelyn Sacks, Lansdale, Pa. In honour of Golda — William Epstein Family, Worcester, Mass. and Kibbutz Kfar Haruv. In memory of Golda Meir by Vincent and Lana Baglivo, Phila., Pa.

IL150 In honour of my grandchildren: Vered, Raanan, Alon, Iris and Carmit — Mrs. E. Weiss, Kfar Saba. In honour and love of my two sons Eiran and Yaniv, and in memory of the unforgettable late Mrs. Golda Meir — Mrs. J. Sobelman-van Witsen, Petah Tikva.

$8 Bert Zuckernik, Shirley Lomack, Harry Intrilligator, Stanley Kopelman, Herman Jaffee and Harold Pierce, Chestnut Hill, Ma.

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IL50 From Anat; N.N.; Tel Aviv. N.N., Haifa. Ursula Kroner, Jerusalem.

IL40 Kat Wollenberg, for my grandchildren, Tal, Shai, Ben and Gad. For Sharon and Rf Rafi Hilb.

IL36 Twice "Hai" for the wedding of our beloved son, Josi — Mr. and Mrs. C. Fuchs. Twice "Hai" in the name of my two grandchildren, Doron and Natalie — Mrs. H. Fuchs.

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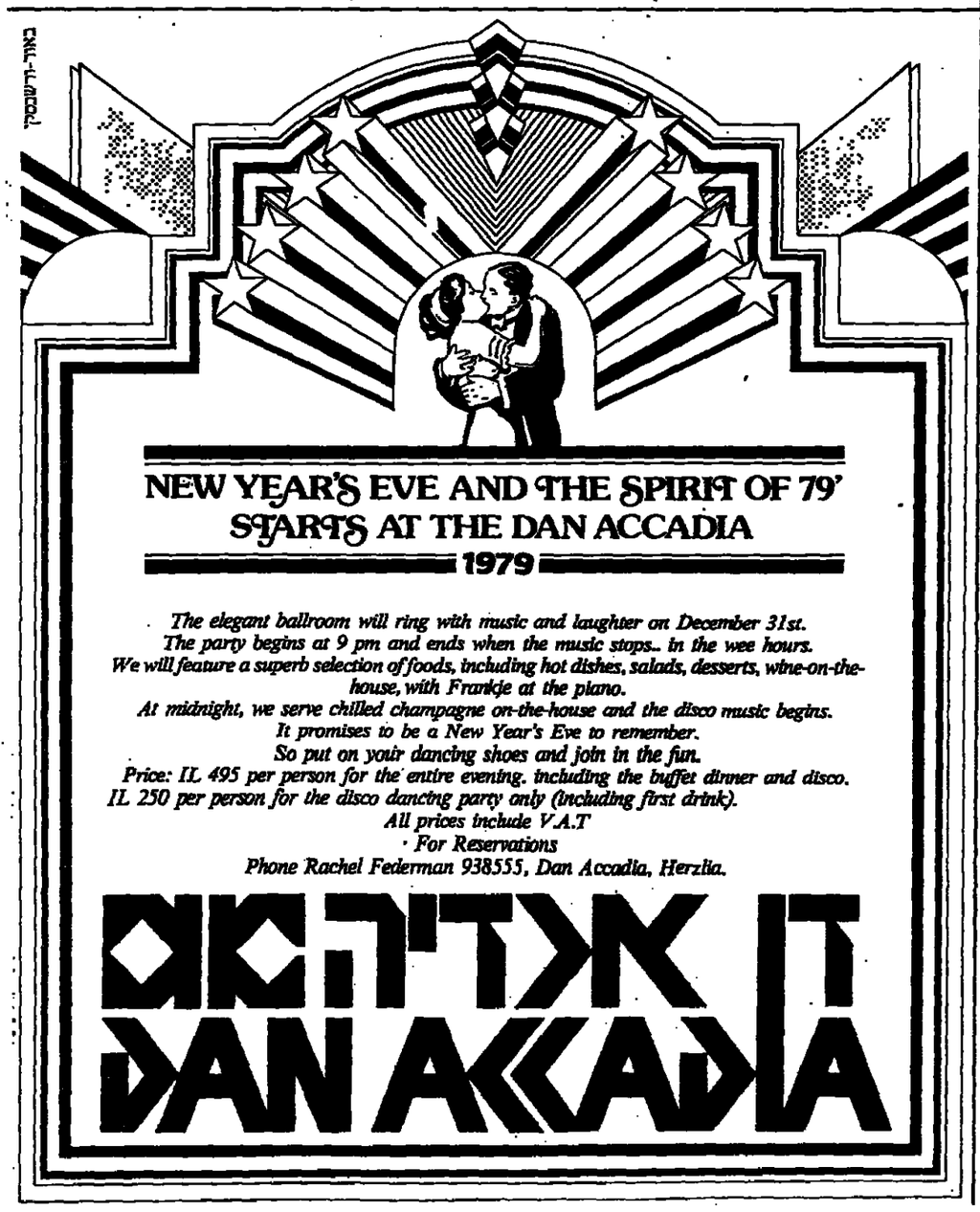

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...Hammond sources in London, con...ted by telephone from Tel Aviv, ...uld confirm only that Egged made ... first move after losing the ...fitable 48 line from Herzliya to ... Aviv, to the opposition Dan ...operative.

A high Egged official lamented: "There was no future for the company after we lost the 48."

NEWS OF THE TAKEOVER of the nation's leading bus cooperative leaked out when reporters spotted the Hammond Company flag flying prematurely above Beit Egged in Tel Aviv.

Egged spokesman Rafi Rosenberg said a female clerk with access to confidential files would be appearing before a disciplinary committee.

Histadrut secretary-general Yeruham Meshel, believing the Brothers to be a trade union, cabled greetings: "Brothers, we congratulate you — Brother Meshel."

As the full Hammond board was en route to Israel when the news broke, comment was available only from Gwen Riley. Contacted at her Council home she remarked, "Oy, it's lovely."

Lovely too will be the benefit performances by the TV series stars, promises the Variety Club of Israel. Most of the Hammond crew will be on hand for song and entertainment at the Jerusalem Hilton on New Year's Day, at Haifa's Dan Carmel Hotel on January 2, and at the Tel Aviv Hilton on January 3 and 4. Further information from the Variety club, 03-235151.

Reforming the men in charge of prisons

By DAVID RICHARDSON/Jerusalem Post Reporter

LAST WEEK a 13-year-old boy was sentenced by the Ashkelon Juvenile Court to three years imprisonment for a variety of offences including involvement in manslaughter. He will be confined in a special ward of the Tel Mond Juvenile Prison instead of a closed reformatory because there is no room for him in one of the latter institutions.

During the same week the Education Minister confirmed in the Knesset that the cost of keeping one prisoner for a year in one of the country's prisons was sufficient to pay for a superior education for one youth for three years. He was replying to a question by Likud MK Dov Shilanski, a vociferous proponent of prison reform.

Few MKs are as qualified for the role of prisoners advocate, for Dov Shilanski has himself "done time" — in the very same Tel Mond lock-up.

In 1952 Shilanski was sentenced to 21 months for planning to plant a three-kilo bomb in the Kirya in Tel Aviv to protest the reparations negotiations with West Germany. As a survivor of the camps and of the Death March from Dachau to the Tyrol mountains, he felt deeply, as did many others, that accepting reparations from Germany was immoral.

On the advice of his able attorney, the present Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, who had already made a name for himself as an advocate of political trials, Shilanski made a long political statement from the dock explaining his motives.

THIS STATEMENT serves as the introduction to a book he wrote about his experiences in prison entitled "In an Israeli Prison — from the diary of a political prisoner." Shilanski subsequently learned law in prison and today is active as a lawyer in matters of a political nature.

In a recent speech to the Israel Human Rights Association, Shilanski said that it cost the state between IL75,000 and IL100,000 a year to keep a prisoner while the cost of maintaining a boy at a good boarding school is less than IL35,000.

Shilanski's time in jail, where he was granted special rights as a political prisoner, made him especially sensitive to the problem of prison reform.

He vigorously opposes the moves to grant more money to Interior Minister Yosef Burg to build more prisons. "Treating the problem the same way is not going to solve anything," he maintains — "there has to be a basic difference in approach."

Dov Shilanski

To emphasise his point he makes the following analogy. Most people accept, even partly, the theory that criminals are to be regarded as socially sick. Men resort to crime because of their background and because of their inability to become absorbed in the society around them. Sick people are treated in hospitals, but instead of being helped by a nurse in a white uniform the prisoner's main contact is with a guard with a stick.

Another basic weakness of the system, he says, is that prison inmates are not provided with sufficient work and when they do work their pay is ludicrously low. Moreover, their wages are kept in a special fund which is unlinked, and by the time the man is released the little he has managed to save is reduced by inflation.

SHILANSKI sees the solution to the prison problem in the establishment of work camps, especially in the Negev.

"There is no reason why the rail link to Eilat should not in part be built by prison labour or the roads or defence installations involved in the pullback from Sinai," he says.

This would not only repay society but would make the prisoners overcome their feeling of rejection by society, he says.

"From my own and unannounced visits to the prisons as a member of the Knesset sub-committee on prisons, I am confident that many would prefer this kind of 'punishment' and that more than 90 per cent would not use the less restrictive conditions to escape. The conditions of those more problematic inmates who have to remain behind in the more secure prisons would also be improved since there would be less crowding," he maintains.

U.S. looks south, worriedly

By GEORGE GEDDA/The Associated Press

WASHINGTON. — The U.S., worried about a deterioration in relations with Mexico at a time of substantial oil discoveries there, is reassessing the manner in which it deals with its southern neighbour.

A just-completed study, known as Presidential Review Memorandum 41, lists a series of policy options which President Jimmy Carter is expected to consider before his visit to Mexico in February.

Mexico has long felt that it was the junior partner in its relationship with the U.S., but that has all changed with the recent estimates that Mexico's oil reserves may total upwards of 200 billion barrels.

This, combined with fresh concern about the reliability of Middle East oil supplies, have had a dramatic impact on the way the U.S. looks upon Mexico.

Carter underscored this point earlier this month when he said he considers U.S. relations with Mexico "to be as important as any other that we have."

Other officials, speaking privately, note that the problems facing the two countries go far beyond the oil issue. The list also includes problems of migration, trade, the environment, investment and law enforcement.

Perhaps the most complex question is the one posed by what some U.S. officials view as the "silent invasion" of between 500,000 and 800,000 Mexicans across the border each year.

AN ESTIMATED 60 per cent of all undocumented aliens are Mexicans. American proposals to stem the tide of these immigrants usually are found unacceptable by Mexico, which believes the U.S. should legitimatize the flow in some way.

Complaints about the relationship have come from both sides of the border. In past years, Mexico has often cultivated friendships with other Third World countries at the expense of its ties with the U.S.

Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo has expressed deep frustration with his big neighbour to the north.

"Mexico is neither on the list of U.S. priorities nor on that of U.S. respect," Portillo said in October.

But a month before Portillo spoke, work already had begun on the Presidential Review Memorandum. Such studies are authorized only for issues of high national importance.

Sen. Frank Church, who will assume chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee in the next session of the U.S. Congress, said recently that Mexico is a country of "immense importance" to the U.S.

"It's about time we began to focus on our own neighbourhood, particularly when we are faced with such an enormous influx of Mexicans into the southwestern sector of the country and when oil and gas discoveries in Mexico may make that country the equal of Iran as a major source," the senator said.

Church said he plans to hold a series of committee hearings next year which will examine the various policy alternatives the U.S. has in its relations with Mexico.

AMERICAN officials are hopeful that the Mexican oil discoveries, amounting to more than 170 billion barrels in the last three years alone, will provide the basis for a new area of cooperation between the two countries.

They discount speculation that Mexico will withhold oil shipments from American markets as a gesture of independence.

"We are their natural market and they know it," one official said. He predicted that Mexico will export between 60 and 70 per cent of its total exports to the U.S. over the long range.

Mexico currently exports about 320,000 barrels a day to the U.S., about 4 per cent of total U.S. imports.

A major question mark is future production levels in Mexico. Current production is that figure will jump to between 3 million and 5 million by 1985. Others speculated that Mexico probably will reach that level much earlier.

...ppeal to ...he able

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

...EATER PUBLIC understanding ...he abilities of disabled people — ...l laws to make housing, jobs and ...blic facilities accessible to them — ... what Israel's handicapped need.

...rank Bowe, a deaf research psy...ologist and director of the ...erican Coalition of Citizens with ...abilities, came to that conclusion ...ently after a week's visit as the ...est of the prime minister, ...nahem Begin and the Minister of ...our and Social Affairs.

...Dr. Bowe, deaf since the age of ...ee, speaks clearly and naturally. ...cannot hear, but his interpreter, ...rcia Miller, translates words into ...n language almost faster than ...y are spoken.

"Of course, I've only been here a ...ek so I don't know how much my ...nions are worth," he said. "The ...abilitation programmes I've ...n, though, are very good. The ...blem is that the public looks only ... disabilities, not at the abilities of ... person who happens to be deaf or ...nd or paralysed.

"At some of the institutions I ...ited, they told me they were forc... to keep people in longer than was ...lly necessary because there was ... home or job waiting for them out...e the institution."

...E AMERICAN Coalition of ...izens with Disabilities is a unique ...ganization that consists of disabl... people and the professionals who ...rk with them. One of their main ...ms is accessibility — ramps for ...se who use wheelchairs, inter...eters for the deaf, braille or ...corded materials for the blind.

Legislation covering these issues, ...d preventing discrimination in at ...ast some employment and housing settings, has been passed by the U.S. Congress. The coalition lobbies for more such legislation and for machinery to ensure that the laws already on the books are enforced.

Frank Bowe

"We are an organization of organizations," said Dr. Bowe. There are 75 member organizations within the coalition. "First, all the organizations of disabled people joined us — and, incidentally, the paraplegics, deaf, blind and retarded all work together, not in competition. Then the professionals started joining us — many out of real conviction that the handicapped should determine the course of their own lives; some, I'm afraid, because it was the politically expedient thing to do."

Even the retarded are able to participate actively in the coalition's activities when their tasks are simplified: "We had a demonstration in Washington recently to get the President to sign a rehabilitation law he wanted to veto. The 50 retarded people were able to answer the press' questions very movingly."

Dr. Bowe himself had been doing research on learning and memory at New York University before he was asked to join the coalition.

Then, he made a speech that was heard by Eunice Fiorito, a firebrand blind psychiatric social worker who had founded the coalition and was its first president. "I don't know why, but she decided I was just the man they needed to be the director. She convinced me that my psychological research would still be here five years from now, but if I want to get civil rights for the handicapped I have to pitch in and help immediately."

Thoughtful man of progress

RAPHAEL MAHLER, who died a year ago, attached great importance to two elements in Jewish history — the culture of Jewish society and its national-historical awareness.

These themes recur in all his books, particularly in "History of the Jews in Modern Times," "History of the Jews in Poland," and "Hassidism and Haskala."

Mahler was a member of Poalei Zion. He grew up in western Galicia, knowing the worlds of both the Maskilim and the Hassidim, and he made a bold attempt at describing the roots of these two great Jewish movements.

He did not hide his biases. His historical analysis, however, was based on an unambiguous moral criteria and he condemned anything that did not meet these criteria.

Despite his admiration for the Maskilim contribution to Jewish national revival, Mahler scorned them for abandoning, unlike the Hassidim, the essence of popular Jewish culture.

He hated the assimilatory wing of Haskala (enlightenment) — historians like Isaac Marcus Jost.

On the threshold of a new age in Jewish history, Mahler revised his moral-political outlook in favour of social revolution while preserving Jewish values.

He saw the Haskala movement in Galicia as a class movement and, as such, he was disappointed with its revolutionary results. He also objected to the movement's cosmopolitan nature, which he saw as historical anarchism at a time when national movements were on the decline in Western Europe.

Mahler's defence of the "messianic" ideas of Hassidism is interesting. He writes that all its books were censored and that the government saw it as a movement with a dangerous political character:

MAHLER criticized the rosy descriptions of the emancipation period, which was presented as a period of the fulfilment of the prophecies of the redemption, as a sort of "golden age" compared to the darkness of the Middle Ages; a period of humanism which was benevolent to Jews.

He believed the Maskilim held on to the concept of a "chosen people," according to the doctrines propagated by Reform rabbis in Western Europe.

But Mahler nevertheless acknowledged the contribution made by the Maskilim of Galicia to the fight against cultural assimilation and to the revival of the Hebrew language — a subject which he believed was of importance to Jewish awakening.

Raphael Mahler

Yet, even his appreciation of the Maskilim's contribution to the progress and enlightenment of the Jewish people was tempered by his dislike of the means they employed and the condescending manner in which they talked to the "primitive" people.

He also objected to the fact that they did not accuse the authorities of responsibility for the condition of the Jews. Mahler disliked the "collaboration" of the Maskilim with the authorities, whose ideology was based on the "exploitation of the masses of the people."

He believed there was a lack of proportion between the few rights accorded to Jews because of their readiness to involve themselves in the life of the general society and the amount of praise the Maskilim heaped on the authorities.

MAHLER SAW evil in the fact that the Maskilim "represented a class that hardly suffered national oppression, enjoyed economic prosperity and were even connected to the state apparatus."

He believed that this social class determined a political view which saw absolute monarchy as the model of social and political systems. And Mahler viewed the Maskilim as "pioneers of capitalist ideology in Jewish life."

The Haskala movement missed Poland on its way eastwards from Germany to Galicia, Volhynia and Latvia. But Polish magnates joined with the aristocracy in a "Polanization" of Jewry, which meant upward social mobility. These Jews became patriots and were doomed to assimilation and conversion.

Mahler believed it was this sociological fact that caused the blurring by the Polish Hassidim between assimilation and enlightenment, between leaving Jewry and the movement for cultural renewal.

But he never forgot to define his subject — how the future of Judaism appeared to the "faithful and the simple." They, in Mahler's view, were crucial, for it was they who watched over the moral spark of the Jewish people and any real revolution, real revival, had to come from them and be for them.

HE PAID particular attention to Polish Hassidism, which carried the seeds of the Haskala. While the "empty" Haskala in Poland had no social base, the seeds of rationalism were absorbed into the Przysucha-Kotzk school of Hassidism, which were the movement's major centres in Poland.

Thus, Mahler brought his social theory to bear on the fact that the Przysucha-Kotzk schools carried with them a rich, rational and learned Hassidism.

Mahler scorned the illusion of Haskala. Although he was a man of progress, he did not want to lose one pearl of Jewish culture.

RIVKA SCHATZ

Care-free play

BRIDGE
George E. Levinrew

ONE OF THE advantages of friendly rubber bridge games, in comparison with duplicate, is the care-free atmosphere and the absence of tension. Yet rubber bridge players can learn much from the more exacting play at duplicate bridge. In rubber bridge you may delight in taking a flyer which in duplicate can be disastrous. Let us take a look at a Jerusalem rubber bridge game.

N — S Vul:
N — S 60 on score

Atara Shadmon
NORTH
♠ Q 10 8 4 3
♡ —
♢ A K 7 5 2
♣ A 6 4

Yosi Shadmon
WEST
♠ 6
♡ K 9 5 3
♢ 9 6
♣ Q 10 9 8 3 2

Tehiya Yaffe
EAST (D)
♠ K 9
♡ A Q 8 4 2
♢ Q J 4 3
♣ J 5

Moshe Yaffe
SOUTH
♠ A J 7 5 2
♡ J 10 7 6
♢ 10 8
♣ K 7

The Bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1 ♡	1 ♠	2 ♡	2 ♠
4 ♡	Pass	Pass	6 ♠
Dble	All Pass		

North's two spade bid is open to question. It showed extreme timidity, and perhaps was influenced by the 60 points on score. It was certainly sufficient to make a game, but surely there was much more on the hand. East's four hearts was indeed a flyer. She could not know that this bid, even if doubled, would have been a superb sacrifice. Moreover, it should have limited North-South in bidding more than four spades.

But what motivated North to now bid six spades, the full value of her hand? What a shock this was to South. The slam bid was a flyer. But all 13 tricks were made, and who can quarrel with success?

In duplicate bridge North could have bid six spades at her first opportunity to enter the auction. Counting on South to have his overcall, there should have been no more than one loser in the hand. I would count North as having two tricks in spades, two tricks for the void, one trick in clubs, and at least three tricks in diamonds. This total of eight tricks, combined with partner's announced four tricks, made a small slam a likely possibility.

The players did not realize, even in the post-mortem, the risks of their bidding, nor that it is rare to be able to make a slam after the opponents have opened the bidding.

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Hanukka Activities

The National Council — Founding Meeting
Kibbutz Kiryat Anavim Guest House
Thursday, December 28, 1978, 4th Hanukka candle

9.30 — Gathering and registration
10.00 — M.K. Yigal Allon
Chairman of the Movement:
opening remarks
10.15 — Prof. Natan Rotenstreich:
Zionism, Israel and the Jewish people
11.00 — discussion
14.00 — Yehiel Leket, Secretary General of the Movement: The Labour Zionist Movement — directions and activity
14.30 — discussion
16.00 — light refreshments

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The World Young Leadership Bureau Meeting
Guest House, Kibbutz Bet Oren
Friday, Saturday, December 29-30, 1978

Friday — 5th Hanukka candle
15.00 — gathering and registration
15.30 — Chaim Chessler, Chairman of the World Young Leadership:
opening words
16.00 — discussion groups
a) information
Israel Peleg chairman
b) ideology
Yohanan Simon chairman
c) students
Chaim Chessler chairman
19.00 — Saturday night festive meal
20.30 — Judi Widetzky (who has just completed a three year mission in the U.S. on behalf of the Young Leadership): the young leadership in the Jewish community in the U.S.

Saturday — 6th Hanukka candle
9.00 — continuation of discussion groups
10.00 — Akiva Lewinsky, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Federation: the challenges of the Zionist Movement today
11.00 — discussion
13.00 — lunch break
15.00 — continuation of discussion groups
16.00 — Uzi Narkiss (who has just completed 10 years of activity as Director General of the Immigration Department in the Jewish Agency): whither immigration?
17.00 — discussion
17.30 — conclusion and decisions

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Olim Day
Jerusalem — Monday, January 1, 1978, 8th Hanukka candle

9.00 — departure from the Mann Auditorium, T.A.
10.00 — gathering at the Be'eri Club
(9 Al-Harizi St., Jerusalem)
Yehiel Leket, Secretary-General of the Movement — opening remarks
11.30 — reception by the Mayor of Jerusalem
Teddy Kollek at his office
12.30 — Raanan Weitz; Chairman of the Settlement Department of the Jewish Agency: expanding the settlement in the Negev
at the Guest House at Kibbutz Ramat Rachel
13.00 — festive lunch with the participation of Akiva Lewinsky, Treasurer of the Jewish Agency and World Zionist Organization, the Guest House, Kibbutz Ramat Rachel
15.30 — Visit to the Knesset
16.00 — Reception by M.K. Yigal Allon, Chairman of the Movement, and members of the Alignment faction in the Knesset. Lighting of 8th candle
18.00 — dispersal

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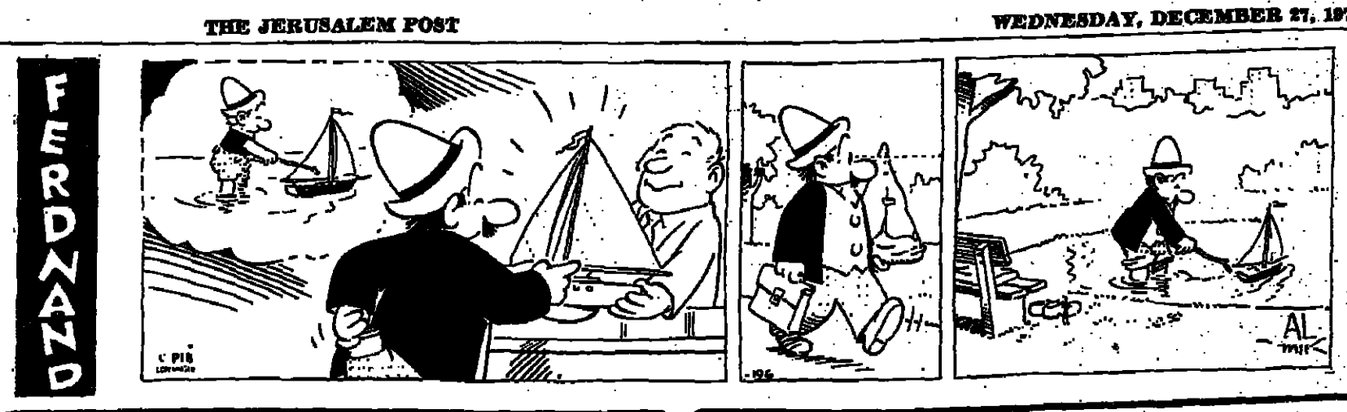

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19.30 News

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Armon: Diabolo Menthe; **Eden:** Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo; **Edison:** Grease 4, 6.45, 9; **Habirah:** The Tzanani Family; **Kfir:** Saturday Night Fever 4, 6.45, 9; **Mitchell:** Coma 7, 9, Wed. also at 4; **Orgil:** La Dentelliere; **Orion:** Straight Time; **Oren:** Belfer; **Ben:** Death on the Nile 6.30, 9; **Semadar:** Julia 7, 9.15; **Small Auditorium Binyenei Ha'ooma:** The Polynesian Odyssey 7, 9.15; **Cinema One:** The 12 Chairs 7, 9.15.

Tel Aviv 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Allenby: The Greek Tycoon; **Ben Yehuda:** Coming Home; **Chen:** Grease 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Cinema One:** Piranha; **Cinema Two:** An Unmarried Woman; **Dekel:** 1900 (Part One) 7.10, 9.30; **Drive-In:** Casey's Shadow 5.30, 7.30, New York, New York 9.45; **Esther:** Driver; **Gat:** Freaky Friday; **Gordon:** Belfer; **Hed:** Les Valseuses; **Lilner:** American Fever; **Maxim:** The Pocket Lover; **Magrabi:** The Betsy 4.30, 7, 9.30; **Ophir:** Eyes of Laura Mars; **Oriy:** The Tzanani Family; **Paris:** Iphigenie 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **Peer:** Straight Time; **Ramat Aviv:** Funny Israelis; **Royal:** My Michael 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.30, 9.30; **Shahaff:** Death on the Nile 6.30, 9.15; **Studio:** The Goodbye Girl; **Tchelet:** Anna and the Wolves; **Tel Aviv:** The Unglorious Bastard; **Tel Aviv Museum:** The Lace Maker; **Zafon:** Dersu Uzala 4, 6.45, 9.30

Haifa 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: Spider Man; **Armon:** Grease 4, 6.30, 9.15; **Atzmon:** Kalpar; **Chen:** The Tzanani Family; **Gefen:** The Land that Time Forgot 10, 2, 7, Operation "67" 12, 4, 9; **Mivtar:** Ecstasy Under the Sun; **Meriah:** The Goodbye Girl 6.45, 9; **Orah:** An Unmarried Woman 4, 6.30, 9; **Ordan:** Splendour in the Grass; **Orion:** Fists of Bruce Lee; **Oriy:** The Greek Tycoon 6.45, 9; **Peer:** No Deposit, No Return; **Rom:** Driver; **Shavit:** Coming Home 6.30, 9.15

Ramat Gan 4, 7.15, 9.30
Armon: Grease 4, 7, 9.30; **Hadar:** Belfer 7.15, 9.30; **Lily:** The Pocket Lover 7.15, 9.30; **Oasis:** House Calls 7.15, 9.30, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea 4; **Ordea:** Mishpahat Tzanani; **Rama:** American Fever 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **Ramat Gan:** An Unmarried Woman 7.15, 9.30

Herzliya 4, 7, 9.15
David: Grease. **Tiferet Herzliya:** High Anxiety 7.15 9.15

Petah Tikva
Shalom: Rocky 7.15, 9.30

Netanya
Esther: Spider Invasion 4.30, 7, 9.30.

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ON THE AIR

First Programme
7.07 Morning Melodies
8.10 (Stereo): Morning Concert — Mendelssohn: Fingal's Cave Overture; Mozart: Concerto for Flute and Harp, K.299 (Sharona Tel-Oren, Martine Geliot; Sergiu Comissiona); Saimon: The Spinning Top (Rodan); Poulenc: Concerto for Two Pianos (Eden, Tamir, Comissiona); Glazunov: The Seasons Ballet Music
10.05 Radio story
10.35 Lesson in spoken Arabic
11.35 Prayers of the Ethiopian Church
12.05 (Stereo): Herut Israeli, piano: Scarlatti: 4 Sonatas; Nahman: 4 Etudes; Beethoven: Rondo in C, Op.51, No.1; Mendelssohn: 2 Songs Without Words; Rondor: 9 Bagatelles; Nardi: Horra — Mister Kibbutz
13.00 (Stereo): Noon Concert — J.S. Bach: Symphony Op.6, No.5; Handel: Organ Concerto No.1 in G Minor; Haydn: Symphony No.93
14.10 Children's programmes
16.05 (Stereo): Igor Markevich conducts the Frankfurt Radio Orchestra in Brahms: Haydn-Variations; Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice; Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.6; Eugenia Zukerman, flute; Carlos Bonnell, guitar — Little Suite from the Middle Ages; Giuliani: Sonata Op.85; Castelnuovo-Tedesco: Sonatina
20.15 (Stereo): New Records and Recordings
21.00 Everyman's University
21.30 Music Symposium — Problems of the authentic performance of Beethoven's Fourth Symphony (Dr. Joachim Braun)
22.05 (Stereo): Berlioz: The Damnation of Faust (Barenboim) from the Edinburgh Festival 1978

Second Programme
7.00 This Morning — news commentary
8.10 Good Morning — songs, chat
13.05 Midday — news commentary, music
14.10 Selection of opera music
15.05 There is a land — Hebrew songs
16.05 Magazine on science, technology and medicine
16.10 Press Conference
17.10 Joke after Joke — songs, humour, gags (repeat)
18.05 Lighting of the fourth Hanukka candle
18.15 Of Figures and Men
18.45 Sports magazine
19.00 Today — People and events in the news
19.47 Bible Reading — Kings II: 7, 8
20.05 "On a Deserted Island"
21.05 Light Classical Music
22.05 Beautiful Land (repeat)

Army
6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Yosef Agassi and Prof. Dov Rappel discuss the philosophy of education
7.07 "707" — Alex Aneki presents selections of music and items from the morning newspapers
8.05 IDF morning newsreel
9.05 Israeli Winter — three hours of music, skits, jokes and news flashes, with Eli Yisraeli
12.45 15 Minutes — political commentary
13.05 Today's Favourite — songs with a special theme
14.05 Two Hours — music and cinema, and theatre reviews, interviews and anecdotes
17.05 IDF Evening Newsreel
17.10 Lighting of the fourth Hanukka candle
18.05 Bi-weekly magazine on Mid-East affairs
18.45 Foreign Language Hit Parade
21.00 Mabat — radio transmission of the TV newsreel
21.35 University on the Air — the philosophy of education (repeat)
22.05 Tonight — discussion, interviews with Michael Handelzaltz
23.45 IDF midnight newsreel
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

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1930 Swissair 336 Zurich
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2200 El Al 316 London
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2220 Air France 130 Paris, Nice

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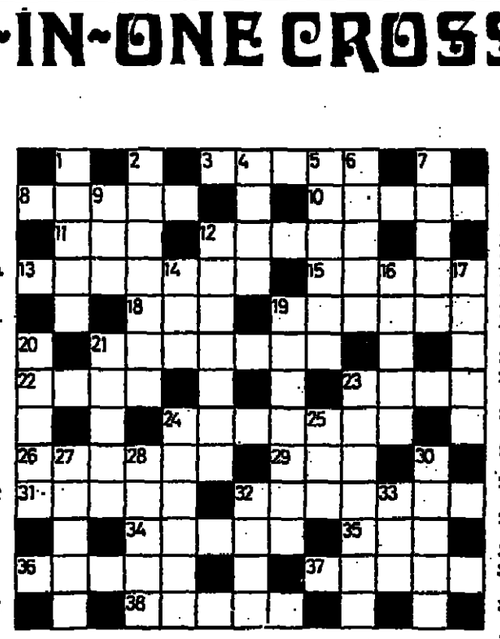
CRYPTIC PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Loud for some notes only (5)
8 The French politicians are illuminating (5)
10 Roves around making deliveries (5)
11 Jack's ferocious when beside himself! (3)
12 The nasty stuff upsets Miles (5)
13 Speaks ill of, for arranging lamings (7)
15 Deal with an outing (5)
18 The cry of a part-cooked bird? (3)
19 Murphy confuses pa with Otto (6)
21 Shot a small creature for bait! (7)
22 Help in a gamble (4)
23 Not fully prepared to study (4)
24 Like a man on a horse, evidently (7)
26 Disturbed the fish in one way and another (6)
29 Of love or war, maybe (3)
31 Something singularly scratchy (5)
32 True as an article should be (7)
34 Put to the rest (5)
35 Fall behind in prison (3)
36 Search and rob a crashed flier! (5)
37 Type of game originating in Nepal? (5)
38 Dread creature (5)

DOWN
1 Bad as can be (5)
2 Fruit going to Capri, possibly (7)
4 Birds having a night out? (4)
5 Man twice beaten (6)
6 Always start tennis with a star (5)
7 It's fine to be famous (5)
9 Familiar name for a master figure (3)
12 Lordly height (7)
14 U.S. sailor's mouth? (3)
16 Helped a seed to develop (5)
17 Drink that brings a toady a change of heart (5)
19 Impressed by those fellows in Fleet Street? (7)
20 Character rapidly going round the bend (5)
21 No criminal leg-man (5)
23 Pull up in the rear, as usual (7)
24 Did what it's never too late to do (6)
25 Vessel used in tuna fishing (3)
27 Regular dress (5)
28 It looks like Teddy (5)
30 Heat causing some danger (5)
32 A well-known name in genetics (4)
33 "In" is out as far as he's concerned (3)



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EASY PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 Range (5)
8 Heavy drinker (5)
10 Kiln (5)
11 Vigour (3)
12 Join together (5)
13 Keeps (7)
15 Follow (5)
18 Hostelry (3)
19 Song of praise (6)
21 Slovenly (7)
22 Religious service (4)
23 Underclothing (4)
24 Kept away from (7)
26 Arm covering (6)
29 Study carefully (3)
31 Steed (5)
32 Pocketing a billiard ball (7)
34 Animal's nose (5)
35 Vase (3)
36 Neck of mutton (5)
37 Angler's basket (5)
38 Brewing ingredient (5)

DOWN
1 Shield (5)
2 Stays behind (7)
4 Tins (4)
5 Powerful (6)
6 Happening (5)
7 Disproportionate (5)
9 Mine (3)
12 Deprive of courage (7)
14 Writing fluid (3)
16 Swerved suddenly in fear (5)
17 Sends out (5)
19 Fruit (7)
20 Break (5)
21 Door-keeper (5)
23 Commercial speculation (7)
24 Inflict retribution (6)
25 Speck (3)
27 Freshwater fish (5)
28 Written composition (5)
30 Interior (5)
32 Places (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS.—4, A-gen-da. 7, Hind-leys. 8, Top-E-rs. 12, Fault. 13, Lily. 14, Fuse. 17, Car-D. 18, Dis. 17, Moses. 20, Pian. 21, Down train. 23, Tar-t. 32, Ra-I-n. 33, Ocean. 34, Scrape. 35, Reported. 36, Bri...
DOWN.—1, Chaff (inch). 2, Angus. 3, Blot. 4, A-stir. 5, E-spy. 6, Darwin. 9, Old pa... A-UK. 12, Lemon. 13, Last. 15, Con. 16, Dan. 18, Own. 20, Lilia. 21, Dig. 22, Ra... Fenoer. 25, Bra. 28, Tier... A-cute. 31, Tr-ud-y. 32, Ran... Oxon.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS.—4, Summer. 7, Lucky din. 8, Opened. 10, L... 13, Grin. 14, Eats. 15, Peer... Ecc. 17, Amen. 19, Pig... Flowering. 23, Comm. 24, ... 26, Alt. 27, Neat. 29, Elm... Bel. 33, Adept. 34, Parad... Concents. 36, Aspect.
DOWN.—1, Fluke. 2, Oc... Ayes. 4, Spore. 5, Mien. 6, E... 9, Pippin. 11, Ear. 12, Psal... General. 15, Pew. 16, Es... Moaned. 20, Inked. 21, Fo... Rat. 23, Clears. 25, Am... Elect. 30, Lamps. 31, Stu... Bare. 33, Arch.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Across the board move of profit-taking

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's profit-taking no longer had an air of selectivity, as all sectors showed the results of this trend. The Big Three banks, as has been the case recently, moved against the trend. Trading turnover remained virtually unchanged. Index-linked bonds, however, performed admirably as low negative yield series were easily picked up by individual and institutional investors.

The Big Three commercial banks saw demand for their shares rise and prices continued to move to higher levels. Leumi was most active and gained two, while Hapoalim, both registered and bearer, gained three. The best mover of the group was the shares of IDB, which gained five and thus have added a grand total of 12 points in the last two trading sessions. Union Bank, however, was down by more than five per cent, and traded at 435. Israel General Bank continued to falter and eased by six, to 326.5. FIBI traded unchanged.

Mortgage banks were lower. General Mortgage dipped by eight, to 361, as Tefahot backtracked by a dozen, to 362. Agricultural "A" shares were sharply lower and reflected a nine per cent loss, to 145.

Profit-taking was also visible among insurance stocks. Aryeh was 15 lower, at 696, and Hassneh eased by eight, to 415. Other issues in the sector were moderately lower, with the exception of Securitas. Delek (R) was 13 lower, at 229.

Oil Exploration of Paz continued unchanged, at 152, in active trading. Israel Electric Corp., in the wake of a disappointing earnings report, was under pressure and the shares were lower by about six per cent, to 320.

Land development and real estate issues also came in for their share of the profit-taking wave. Israel Land Development was 6.5 per cent lower, at 246. However, other shares in the group declined only moderately.

Industrials followed the general trend. Hard hit were the shares of Fertilizers, as they dropped by 6.8 per cent, to 218.5. Elco IL2.5 suffered a 14-point loss, to 234. However, both Rapac and Elbit remained unchanged. (See story on Elbit's semi-annual results on this page.)

Among investment shares Piryon again was set back. The shares were some seven per cent lower, at 239. Clal, trading ex-dividend, was traded at 490. Hapoalim Investments was a good feature and rose by 12, to 427. Leumi Investments weakened by eight, to 388.

Share index, down 0.55%, to 150.02.

Most Active Issues			
Bank Leumi	357.5	+2.0	IL2,255,000
Mizrahi (R)	241	n.c.	IL1,765,000
Hapoalim (R)	516	+3.0	IL512,000
Shares Traded:			IL76.1m.
Convertibles:			IL10.6m.
Bonds:			IL42.2m.

	26.12.78	25.12.78
Dollar-Linked Debentures		
Dead Sea	1830	1830
Electric Corp. "B"	597	597
Mollis 22	107.7	107.4
Cost-of-Living Index Linked		
Absorp. 1966 (1)	1601	1595
Absorp. 1967 (1)	1580	1570
Dit. '68 (41)	—	—
Dit. '69 (41)	539.5	538.5
Dit. '69 6.5% (86)	751.5	749.6
Dit. '69 6.5% (91)	647.4	634.8
Optionals		
Dev. 3534	108.2	107.6
Dev. 313	648.5	648.5
Dev. 4% 3001	587	584.2
Convertibles		
% Mizrahi	316	310
% Bank Leumi	435	435
% Delek	194.5	197
% Disc. Inv.	272	275
International Commercial and Bankholding Companies		
Otzar Hityashvut	352	357
IDB	469	464
Union "A"	435	459
United Mizrahi	246	246
Hapoalim	517	514
Leumi	357.5	355.5
FIBI	400.5	400.5
Gen. Mortgage	361	369
Dev. Mtge.	335	335
Tefahot (ord)	362	374
Merav	327	327
Specialised Financial Inst.		
Ind. Dev. Bank 8%	145	158
Aryeh	696	711
Hassneh	415	423
Sahar	449	455
Securitas	358	358
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Phoenix	408	415.5
Land Development and Real Estate		
Azorim	485	485
Africa-Israel IL.10	926	936
Isr. Land Dev.	246	262

Property & Building	404	404
Isras	529	531
Mehadrin	2050	2050
ICP Plantations	1250	1250
Neot Aviv	571	575
Pri Or	850	850
Rassco 8%	273	283
Rassco (ord)	270	275
Industrials		
Alliance	1400	1400
Elco IL2.5	234	248
Electra IL5	325	331.5
Argaman (ord)	285	288
Ata "B"	180	184
Dubek	725	760
Elect. Wire & Cable	161	165
Teva	802	820
Fertilizers	218.5	233.5
Rim Ind.	550	579
Moller Textiles	510	510
Paper Mills	481	482
Assis	288	285
Nechushtan	1088	1086
Elite	332	336
Shemen	310	310
Frutarom	99	99
Polgat	520	532
Elron IL2	512.5	513.5
Israel Petrochem. (ord)	136	145
Investment Companies		
Elgar	314	340
Ellern	649	649
Israel Central Trade	1560	1560
Bank Hapoalim	427	415
Paz Inv.	247	260
Wolfson IL10	229	237
Ampa	225	235
Discount Bank	397	397
Mizrahi	393	393
Bank Leumi	388	396
Piryon	239	256
Jordan Exploration	441	461
Jordan Explo Warrants	1675	1775
Hassuta	757	757
Export	490	504
Clal Inv.	490	515
Clal Ind.	319	328
Clal Real Estate	203	215
Fuel & Oil		
Naphta	700	701
Lapidot	875	920
Delek	300	300
Israel Electric	320	341.5
Paz Oil Exploration	152	152

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Amer. T & T	60⅞	Gen Dynam	80½	NCR	61⅜
Atl Rich	57½	Gen Foods	32	Occ Pet	16¾
Avco	23⅝	Gen Motors	54⅝	Pan Am	7
Avon	53	Gen Tel	28⅜	Phil Pet	31⅝
Bell How	15⅝	Gen Tire	24⅞	Polaroid	52⅝
Beth St.	19⅜	Gillette	25½	RCA corp.	26⅞
Boeing	73⅞	Grace	26¼	Royal Dutch	60½
Brist My	35½	Gulf West	14½	Sears Roe	20¼
Burroughs	74½	Gulf Oil	24½	Singer	13⅜
CBS Inc.	51	Honywell	70½	Sony	7⅜
Celanese	40⅞	IBM	304	Sperry Rand	43⅜
Chase Man	29½	Int Paper	36⅝	Teledyne	97¼
Chrysler	8½	Int. T & T	27	Texaco	24¼
Coca Cola	44	John John	73¼	Texas Ins	82¼
Con Ed	23½	LTV	20⅜	TWA	18⅜
Crown Zell	30⅞	Litton	20¼	Twent Cent	31½
Curtis Wri	13	Lockheed	35⅝	U.S. Steel	22¼
Dow Chem	25⅝	Macy	33	West Union	15⅝
Dupont	126	Mcdon-Doug	16½	Woolworth	19½
East KDK	61⅛	Merr Lynch	63½	Xerox	54⅝
Exxon	48¼	Minn MM	69½	Zenith	12⅜

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Science-based community is model for successful immigrant absorption

The Russians of Arshach

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Special to The Jerusalem Post

"Israel is failing to attract and keep Russian immigrants because it offers them material inducements rather than challenges," says engineer Emanuel Diamant, himself a relative newcomer from the Soviet Union.

"Of course, immigrants are anxious to obtain good housing, automobiles and nice furniture, but if material possessions are all that Israel can offer, they will seek out countries like the U.S., Canada or Australia, where such things are cheaper and more abundant," he adds.

Emanuel and his physicist brother, Dr. Lev Diamant, have a very specific challenge in mind. This is the creation of science-based communities, where Russian immigrants with a technological education could contribute to the development of sophisticated products for the local and export markets.

Their model — with due regard for differences in scale — is Academ Gorodok, the Siberian science centre, where Lev studied and worked before coming here.

Inspired by this vision, Lev left his position at the Weizmann Institute over three years ago and Emanuel left his job at Tel Aviv University, to help set up such a community. Called Arshach (a Hebrew acronym for the term "black box"), it still has only a handful of adults and children, who are living and working in four cramped caravans on the outskirts of Moshav Almagor, overlooking Lake Kinneret.

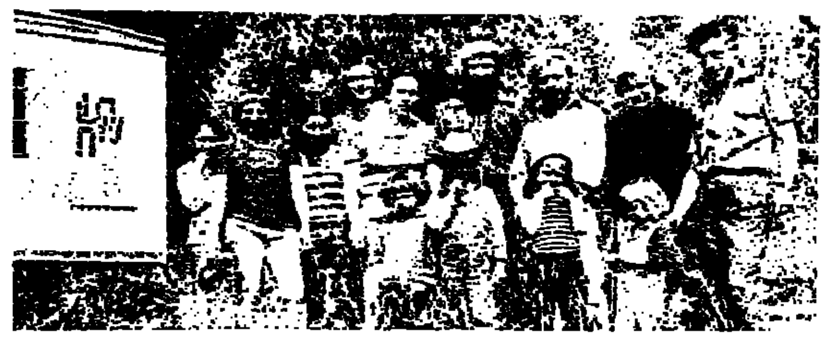
At Arshach the Diamants and their friends support themselves by producing custom-made laboratory equipment for the Weizmann Institute and the Hebrew University. They also do image processing on a mini-computer for various customers. But they can't fill the orders they have on hand now because their group is still too small.

Not that there is a lack of candidates; there have been plenty who were prevented from coming by the shortage of adequate facilities.

What has been lacking, say the Diamants, is an understanding of their aims by the government, and more particularly by the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department. Despite the recent industrialization of many kibbutzim, that department is still more accustomed to thinking in terms of cows and cucumbers, rather than in terms of computers.

To be sure, the Jewish Agency has made suggestions. At one point, for example, it proposed that the group move to the Golan Heights town of Katzrin. But the members of Arshach turned down the idea because they feel it is vital that they maintain their own identity as a science-based community.

They also turned down the idea of temporarily moving to the old site of Moshav Keshet, on the Golan Heights. This is because after three and a half years of a gypsy existence, they really need a permanent home, perhaps elsewhere on the Golan Heights.



The settlers and their families. The sign on one of their caravans reads "Arshach Applied Science Industries."

Incidentally, the people of Arshach are not bent on remaining 100 per cent Russian. On the contrary, they are very much interested in an influx of *sabras*, Western and other immigrants. But they clearly see their main mission as absorption of scientifically-minded Russian newcomers.

In any case, some completely new approach is certainly needed if such newcomers are to be successfully absorbed, because as Lev points out, few can expect the reception recently accorded to Prof. Benyamin Levich. Instead, in the best of circumstances, they may be given three-year appointments — subsidized by the Absorption Ministry — at universities and research centres, after which most of them are dismissed and have to start looking for a position all over again.

"Wouldn't it be better," Lev suggests, "to take some of the money wasted on trying to push these immigrants into universities which are already overstaffed, and using it instead to promote science-based communities like Arshach?"

Head of Petrochemicals denies he might pull out of Israel

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yoel Ostrowicz, a South American businessman who is chairman of Israel Petrochemical Enterprises (IPE) in Haifa, yesterday categorically denied press reports (which also appeared in *The Jerusalem Post*) that "he might withdraw millions from Israel unless the Finance Ministry granted him a loan."

Ostrowicz said that he had recently met with Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich and heads of the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism, but denied reports that this meeting had been "held in secret." Moreover, he had not demanded any government guarantee to insure the profitability of IPE or to overcome financial difficulties.

"Those who know how to run their businesses have other ways to ensure profits," he said, adding that "IPE does not have any financial difficulties."

True, he had requested a low-interest, unlinked loan, but this request was in line with that granted other companies to help their export drives.

"If other companies get such a loan, there is no reason why IPE should be discriminated against," he said.

During the meeting with the Israeli officials he had even offered to buy the Oil Refineries, whose main stockholder is the government, or alternatively, he had offered to buy its ethylene plant and diversify its output. Either suggestion, if accepted, would help diversify these enterprises, and step up their output and profitability.

He also suggested setting up a joint export company with the Oil Refineries for polyethylene (which IPE makes). He also offered to buy ethylene from the Refineries at the price quoted by them, with IPE pledging to do its best to export the maximum of polyethylene (which is made from ethylene).

Finance Minister Ehrlich was especially sympathetic to the last two suggestions, so "there is no place for reports that there was a clash with him," Ostrowicz said.

Finally, the report that "I am pulling out of Israel unless my suggestions are seriously considered is completely untrue. The only explanation is that it is wishful thinking on the part of someone who would like to see me pull out."

Only ⅓ of Arab self-employed file tax returns

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Israel has 27,000 Arab self-employed, but no more than 9,000 of them submit annual returns to the income tax, a Knesset body was told Monday. Israel's Arabs form some 15 per cent of the total population and generate 15 per cent of the GNP, but they pay a very much smaller share of the income tax, Treasury officials told a special sub-committee of the Knesset Finance Committee set up to deal with tax collection in the Arab economic sector.

The sub-committee is chaired by Menahem Savidor (Likud-Liberals). It urged that no tax raids be carried out by Treasury officials against Arab businesses unless Jewish businesses had been raided first.

Israeli kids are tough target for TV hucksters

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel's children, by and large, would like to watch commercials on television, along with their favourite shows. But kids here are more sophisticated about the Big Tube, and therefore tend to suspect the veracity of the advertiser's claims about his product.

These, along with other findings, were reported to *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday by Margalit Toledano, a researcher at the Hebrew University's Institute of Communications. Working under the supervision of Dr. Akiva Cohen, Toledano sought to learn about Israeli children's "perception of, and reaction to TV commercials."

To do this, she interviewed a sample of 188 second, fourth and sixth-graders in two Jerusalem schools — 94 each from the Bet Hayeled primary school in upper-income Talbieh, and from the David Stone school in lower-income Kiryat Hayovel.

Toledano chose these age groups because she wanted to compare her findings with similar studies made in the U.S. Each of the youngsters was asked to define such terms as advertising, salesman, shop, and announcer.

Probing deeper, Toledano then asked such questions as "What is Kinley?" and "What is El Al?" Despite their age, more than half the children said advertising was not information but a means of persuading people to do something.

Most of them also agreed that TV advertisements "sometimes lie and sometimes tell the truth." Nevertheless, they wished Israel TV would carry commercials, like the sample television adverts they were shown.

Though the youngsters tended to be more suspicious of TV commercials, the so-called "dispositional factors" influencing them were similar to those of American children of similar age and socio-economic background.

As the child grows older, he becomes more aware of the true motives of the man or woman talking on the TV screen. Also similar to the American results, Toledano found that Israeli children from economically or socially disadvantaged families were more exposed to the aims of advertisers.

If the government decides to introduce TV commercials, she said, the Broadcasting Authority must first set down strict and clear guidelines governing the content and presentation of commercials.

"And," she added, "if commercial TV arrives in this country, the Ministry of Education and Culture should introduce courses in schools to teach children how to differentiate between an advertising message and the other items appearing on the TV screen."

Taking the uncertainty out of the export business

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
Jerusalem Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A growing number of industrialists say they are hesitant to enter into long-term export commitments due to the uncertainty of fluctuations in the exchange rate of the dollar. The Ministry of Industry, Trade and Tourism is currently studying a plan which would go a long way towards alleviating this problem.

In essence the plan calls for the exporting industrialist to link the export dollar to the cost-of-living index. The industrialist, in practice, would purchase dollars from the bank against his export documentation. With these funds he would purchase government index-linked bonds. At a later date, when payment is made against the export transaction, he would sell the index-linked bonds and repay his dollar obligation.

Ministry officials have suggested that through this method it will be possible to neutralize the element of uncertainty.

Methods encouraging greater exports are particularly meaningful for textile and garment producers. These industries ahve have suffered the most regarding profits as the result of the New Economic Policy. The sector is important to the country's economy, since it employs no less than 20 per cent of all industrial workers. But the textile industry will only account for some $120m. in exports in the current year. This includes a 15 per cent advance in exports over the preceding year.

As of April the ministry will make a special fund available to the textile industry for the purpose of granting financial aid with the opening and maintenance of overseas offices, sales rooms and warehouses. The sum earmarked for this purpose is IL300m.

It has also been reported that investments in this field came to about IL800m. and represent some 10 per cent of all industrial investments this year.

In spite of the problems of export profitability, the textile and garment industry will be able to look back on 1978 as a highly successful year. Output rose to IL19b., indicating a real growth of seven to eight per cent. This figure is above the average recorded for all other industrial concerns.

Elbit releases profit report

Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Elbit Computers, the Haifa-based minicomputer manufacturer, has just reported semi-annual figures for the period ending September 30. The report shows that the company's sales stood at IL224.3m., with net after-tax profits of IL13.8m. The sales figures include exports of $6m. in the 1977/78 period, that is for the whole year, net after tax-profits came to IL19.5m.

Elbit supplies the Defence Ministry with weapons delivery and navigation systems. It has recently been the beneficiary of a major contract from the Navy for the supply of approximately IL100m. worth of navigation systems.

Future prospects include the supply of weapons delivery and navigations systems for the 76 F-16s to be supplied to Israel by General Dynamics. Elbit's share of these contracts should be in the range of $20 to $30m.

Bank chiefs charged with forgery, fraud

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The manager and chief accountant of the Bank Lemelacha were charged in district court here Monday with forgery and fraudulent bookkeeping.

The prosecution alleged that manager Avraham Fein, 46, of Holon had registered himself and chief accountant Moshe Kramer, 52, of Tel Aviv with Bank Hapoalim's Yeter pension fund in 1972. In addition to a one-time payment of several thousand pounds, regular payments of IL100 per month were made in each of their names. All the cash, the court heard, came from the bank's funds, without the management's knowledge.

Total sums paid into the pension fund were IL26,000 for Fein and IL43,000 for Kramer. The two covered up the payments by forging bank instructions, the prosecution said.

No date has been fixed for the start of the trial.

Chain has hotels here — and in Saudia

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recent takeover by the worldwide Inter-Continental chain of the Forum Palace Hotel in Tel Aviv does not seem to have hurt its expansion in Arab states. The company has just announced that it is building a 205-room Forum hotel in Mecca.

Conceived of as a centre for pilgrims to the Saudi Arabian holy city, the hotel will be near the Ka'aba, Islam's most holy shrine. Inter-Continental and the Saudi government are also considering sites at Jedda, Yanbuh and Jubail.

Prior to the acquisition of the Tel Aviv hostelry, the Inter-Continental chain was present only in the Jerusalem Inter-Continental in East Jerusalem, an institution that has mostly Christian guests and has soft-pedalled any link with Israel. Advertisements abroad refer to the hotel only as being in Jerusalem.

But the Forum Palace is very much a part of Israel. It is strictly kosher and will cater to a largely Jewish clientele.

The chain is also constructing a 238-room hotel in Bangui in the Central African Empire. The hotel will be known as the Hotel Inter-Continental Bokassa I, after the emperor of the recently declared empire. The hotel will include, in addition to the usual facilities, a casino with complete gaming rooms.

TOURIST EVENINGS. — "Oneg Shabbat" programmes for tourists will be held at the Dan Carmel Hotel every Friday evening by the Haifa Tourism Development Association and the Government Tourist Office. Admission will be free.

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Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israel pound, for U.S. dollar transactions under $3000, and transactions in other currencies under the equivalent of $1000.

	Selling	Buying
U.S.$	19.0505	18.9050
DM	10.2615	10.1831
Swiss Fr.	11.5248	11.4367
Sterling	38.2200	37.9282
French Fr.	4.4772	4.4430
Dutch Fl.	9.4849	9.4125
Austrian Sch.	1.4034	1.3926
Swedish Kr.	4.3885	4.3550
Danish Kr.	3.6848	3.6567
Norwegian Kr.	3.7442	3.7156
Finnish M.	4.8199	4.7830
Canadian $	16.1291	16.0059
Rand	21.9385	21.7710
Australian $	21.8604	21.6934
Belgian Fr. (10)	6.4985	6.4489
Yen (100)	9.7246	9.6503
Italian Lire (1000)	22.7062	22.5328

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ON 26.12.78	UNIT PRICE	REDEMPTION PRICE
ALON	422.04	413.61
BROSH	221.49	217.15
DEKEL	215.15	210.97
DOLEV	150.23	146.53
EGOZ	111.68	109.45
ESHEL	183.54	179.93
OREN	492.03	482.34
SHAKED	208.25x	204.14x
TRUSTEE: ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK		
BARAK	154.05	150.98
ORION	110.99x	108.80x

TRUSTEE
Barclays Discount Bank

	Unit Price	Redemption Price
ZAMID	567.27	555.70
GAVISH	545.52	534.54
BDOLACH	133.28	130.67
SHAMIR	145.59	142.72
PIA	131.14	128.43
OPHIR	193.40	190.79
TOPAZ	250.06	244.79
INBAR	108.06	105.73
TARSHISH	238.85	234.15
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YAHALOM	120.58	118.15

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(IN U.S. DOLLARS)

(A) CONDENSED HEAD OFFICE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31.12.1976		
222,564,445	Share Capital, Reserve and Surplus	250,419,969
1,183,926,496	Life Assurance Fund	1,186,030,549
147,796,345	Unexpired Risk Reserve — General Insurance	180,197,989
394,661,149	Claims Outstanding — Life and General Insurance	468,028,584
166,950,979	Sundry Accounts payable	220,760,863
2,115,899,414		2,305,437,954
767,585,671	Investments	709,847,544
558,089,988	Real Estate	561,707,592
1,295,618	Fixed Assets	1,574,300
788,928,137	Other Assets, Sundry Accounts Receivable and Cash	1,032,308,518
2,115,899,414		2,305,437,954

(B) STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF INSURANCE REVENUE AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

1976		1977
304,881,302	Life Assurance — Premiums less Reinsurance	264,336,773
379,171,658	General Insurance — Premiums less Reinsurance	470,797,976
17,683,236	Life Assurance — Profit (including investment income)	1,763,912
7,762,861	General Insurance — Profit (including investment income)	24,417,847

STATISTICAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF REVENUE AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT — ISRAEL AGENCY
(IN ISRAEL POUNDS)

1976		1977
4,062,542	Premiums earned and Registration Fees — General Insurance	6,478,640
472,084	Profit on Insurance	2,161,843
241,685	Interest, Linkage differences and Capital Gain on Investments less Expenses not included in Insurance Accounts	395,298
(*) 147,470	Profit/(Loss) on exchange	(1,674,934)
(*) 861,239	Profit for the year	(882,207)

INVESTMENT POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1977

3,281,000	Liabilities in Israel	5,963,000
5,161,000	Admitted Assets in Israel	8,932,000
1,880,000	Excess of Assets over Liabilities	2,969,000
4,000	Non-admitted Assets in Israel	—

(*) Reclassified

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Big Power games

AT THE END of 1978 the Carter Administration had hoped to bring about a triple foreign policy coup: normalization of U.S.-China relations; a strategic-arms-limitation treaty with the Soviet Union and an Israel-Egypt peace treaty. Each one of these objectives in itself would have been a tremendous achievement *enhancing President Carter's reputation at home and abroad.* The three together, taking place more or less at the same time, would establish him as a major world figure.

So far, only the decision to normalize relations with Peking, and in the process to abandon Taiwan, has materialized. The Israel-Egypt negotiations are still deadlocked, and over the weekend, prospects for an early signing of SALT II diminished because of last minute hurdles described essentially as disagreement over "technicalities."

It is difficult to know the nature of these technical hitches, because the parties are purposely vague about them. For years the Soviets have been almost paranoic on the subject of establishing an effective inspection and supervision mechanism. To overcome this suspicion, the U.S. perfected a system of remote supervision. The Russians countered with their own radio "code" to guide the navigation system of their missiles. *The U.S. opposes the usage of "codes" as harmful to effective* supervision, which is the foundation of any meaningful arms limitation agreement.

The technical elements are extremely important for the U.S, *for it has been basing its defence on land-based Minutemen mis*siles, Polaris submarine-launched missiles and long-range bombers. Washington also has to be able to protect its European allies from both a possible Soviet nuclear attack or an invasion by the *armoured divisions of the Warsaw Pact nations.*

Apart from these reasons, there are basic difficulties. Still smarting from the Sino-American decision to normalize relations, Leonid Brezhnev does not want to be stampeded into a SALT-signing ceremony in Washington in early January. He does not want to come to the U.S. before the curtain goes up on the main show, the visit, at the end of January, of Chinese Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping to the U.S. The Russians have no intention of being upstaged by the Chinese. Hence they are holding up the proposed Carter-Brezhnev summit.

As usual the Soviets are also signalling their continued displeasure at being totally excluded from the current efforts to *bring peace to the Middle East.* They are trying their best, with the help of their Arab friends, to revive the Geneva Conference. They have recently received unexpected support for this idea from King Hussein.

There are also some voices in Washington calling for a reexamination of the SALT II treaty, arguing that the treaty will not lead to a real reduction in defence costs. Rather the arms race will continue and in view of the growth of Soviet power, there will be need for new and very costly weapons systems.

The U.S. is also becoming increasingly alarmed over the Soviet role in promoting local conflicts and tensions in Africa and more recently in Iran. Last month Russia again challenged the U.S. by basing nuclear carrying MIG 23's in Cuba.

The U.S. does not insist on a "target date" for SALT, and could use the present pause to re-examine its relations with the Soviet Union in other areas, before resuming the talks. To use a familiar American formula that we have often heard recently; 95% of the treaty is ready. There remain the final 5%.

LABOUR'S CIRCUS

MARK SEGAL shows that Mapam's decision to loosen its ties to the Labour Party comes at a most inopportune time.

DO SOCIAL DEMOCRATS have strong suicidal tendencies? It might seem so to judge by the goings-on in their parties in Britain, Holland, Sweden — and Israel.

Labour here seemed well on the way to recovery, only a year and a *half after its debacle at the polls.* But now the winds of disorder are roaring through its house, Mapam has suddenly decided to break up its alignment with Labour, and the spectre of disunity is rearing its head inside the party.

Chairman Shimon Peres is now obliged to put on a double juggling act high above the political arena, with one hand trying to stave off the Alignment's collapse, and with the other trying to balance the increasingly bad-tempered hawkish and dovish wings.

Until lately Peres had reason to be in a good mood. In September the *Democratic Movement for Change* finally committed hara kiri, and in November La'am, amoeba-like, split in two. Both parties had drawn votes away from Labour and their splintering shook the government.

On September 28th, the opposition party consciously avoided the opportunity of bringing the Begin government down. *Instead it voted for the* Camp David agreements, thereby demonstrating in Peres's phrase that Labour put country before party.

Then came the municipal elections in November, and after two rounds, of voting, Labour emerged on a stronger footing, somewhat at the Likud's expense. Its agreement to cooperate nation-wide with National Religious Party mayoral candidates paid off handsomely, so much so that there has been talk of renewing their "historic partnership."

Peres and some of his comrades even began to murmur about early elections. Although that turned out somewhat premature, Labour was seen to have regained its collective confidence.

Moreover, the well-run elections campaign (by Aharon Harel) proved *Labour's superiority to a divided* Likud in the organisational field. Given Labour's recovery in the opinion polls, the spectacle of a disunited Likud, and the latter's sorry economic performance, the tide seemed about to turn.

YET STORMY WEATHER began to *rise on the party horizon, not only* due to the surprising turn of events in Mapam, but also due to the agonizing debate over peace. The increasing U.S. pressure and Premier Begin's apparent *apres-moi-le-deluge* approach, personified in his autonomy scheme (which has given rise to rumours that he may step down once a *peace treaty is* signed), has brought about many second thoughts in the Labour caucus regarding the government's peace plan.

Even the whitest doves condemn the autonomy plan. If Begin could rely on the entire Labour caucus to *rescue him over the Camp David* agreement when Herut and La'am had melted away at the fringes, that will not be the case in the event of the next crucial Knesset vote on his peace plan.

We are presented with the paradoxical developments that those Labour hawks like Amos Hadar, Yehezkel Zakai, Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino and the Moshav Movement's Arye Nehemkin, who some months ago canvassed support for Labour joining the Likud government, are today among Begin's harshest critics. Indeed the most fascinating political development of *the year has been seeing Menahem* Begin undergo transfiguration from being the darling to the anathema of the maximalist and hawkish wings of the Likud, the NRP and Labour.

Today Begin enjoys the support of the very political elements who a year ago abhorred everything he stood for. This excludes the "Peace Now" group, *which is becoming* suspiciously like the "rent-a-crowd" protestors in London.

SINCE HE BECAME party chairman, Peres has tried to steer a middle line between the various extremes. Having taken his party through its collective nervous breakdown, Peres has endeavoured to rebuild Labour as a relevant political force capable of replacing the Likud government.

For some of his old Rafi comrades he has moved too far to the left, while other supporters counter that he must above all keep the party intact.

Peres does not want Labour to project too hawkish an image, to be regarded as a party against peace. That is why Peres reacted so angrily during the cliff-hanging vote (11 to 10) of the Alignment Knesset faction prior to the last Knesset political debate. He expressed his fears that the Alignment might fall apart, when reproving Shoshana Arbeli-Almozlino, who fills Geula Cohen's role as La Pasionara of maximalism in Labour. She told him that "there are some things more important than the Alignment," which caused Peres to snap back: "We cannot countenance conditional members, who ruin things for the party when talking to newsmen." Peres's remark was also taken as aimed at Hadar, who has been sitting on the fence so long, ready for the call of his cousin, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, to desert the party.

HADAR'S ex-Minister brother Yigal Hurwitz has now revived the old State List in the Likud, hoping to convert it into a full-blown anti-peace party.

To Peres's chagrin, such a respectable front-bencher as Shlomo Hillel took part in a La'am anti-peace rally a week ago, after having assumed the leadership of the hawkish wing in Labour, now augmented by such dissenters as Tamar Eshel.

What gave them broader influence was not only the implicit backing of party Knesset faction chairman Moshe Shahal, but the strong support of the party's kibbutz wing as represented by Avraham Katz-Oz of Ihud Hakvutzot veHakibbutzim and the Kibbutz Hameuhad's Danny Rosolio and Yigal Allon.

The former Foreign Minister recently celebrated his 60th birthday by embarking on a political circus act all his own. Like the man on the flying trapeze, Allon has looped-the-loop from being the patron of the doves in his previous transformation, to become the ardent spokesman of Labour's militant settlement lobby. The wealthiest and the strongest segment of the Labour movement is today the focus of the bitterest opposition to the Begin plan with its consent to removing the Sinai settlements.

The impending merger of the party's two kibbutz movements will surely provide Allon with the kind of power base any politician could desire. To judge by the kind of sentiments aired at Allon's 60th birthday, *he remains very much a persis*tent heir-in-waiting to the throne, even if they are all in exile for the time being.

What drew the most attention on that festive occasion was the demonstrative presence of Yitzhak Rabin. The old Palmah comrades-in-arms managed to bury their antagonism from cabinet days sufficiently to set speculation going about their once and future alliance.

The former prime minister continues to maintain his own enigmatic position by performing a solo balancing act of some dexterity, like the man gyrating on the trick-cycle on the high wire, while juggling an umbrella on his nose at the same time. Rabin has managed to restore his position to a certain extent, as the removal of the pressures of office have allowed his capacity for cool analysis to come to the fore. Not only has he managed to keep on good terms with both wings of the party, but he has been praised by Begin's aides for his public statements.

Rabin continues to pose a problem for Peres, if not an immediate challenge to his leadership, which for the time being remains unassailable. His soon-to-be-published autobiography *hangs like a shadow* over the future, threatening to reopen old wounds. Yet Peres and Rabin find themselves in agreement over the need for peace with Egypt, even if it involves agreeing to Egyptian claims on Gaza.

THEIR MEETING at the party *chairman's office* was a newsworthy event, with Peres apparently sounding out Rabin on political developments. Was Peres seeking some kind of alliance with his old rival, for fear that in the coming struggle for peace, they might find themselves on opposing sides? Is Rabin's presence in the doves' forum the *real reason* for Peres's overreaction to the news that most of the really influential Mapai figures were setting up shop to oppose the Hillel group?

Some party people think Peres was being too jittery at the spectre of the former Rabin machine getting together in the guise of the harbingers of peace, arguing that apart from such stalwart Rabin supporters as Rabinowitz, Haim Zadok, Aharon Yadlin and Ora Namir, there were such Peres men as Avraham Zilberberg and Yossi Sarid, as well as Adi Amoral, who is not regarded as a Rabin man. They argue that they do represent the party consensus, and not Hillel and company.

Mapam has decided to go it alone, to the great disappointment of the Labour Party majority, especially its dovish wing. It is almost certain that the Mapam Secretariat recommendation to disband the Alignment and replace it with a vague alliance with Labour will be adopted by the Mapam convention in February. This means that the Alignment Knesset opposition will decline from 32 to 27 seats versus the Likud's 43 members.

Stab in the back or not to the backs of the socialist parties to regain power, it can be set alongside other party fragmentations started by the DMC split, which may pulverise the Likud once the cessations of the peace settlements become harsh reality.

Mapam has not been happy for some time with its partnership with Labour, which deepened once Peres took over the leadership. Some Mapam leaders will privately concede that Peres has leaned over backwards to accommodate him and Labour to Mapam.

But all the dialectical dressing up Mapam's latest shift does not conceal its feeling that its alliance with Labour has now outlived its usefulness, especially as Mapam no longer benefits from Labour being the natural party of government. It also hopes to benefit politically from its kibbutz movement's financing of the "Peace Now" movement, and to enlarge its constituency.

Whether such a move will help maintain the Likud in power is not the question Mapam has really answered as yet. What is clear is that Labour's position will certainly be weakened at a time when it needed it least.

Dry Bones

The problem of trust

Jerusalem psychiatrist DR. RAFAEL MOSES reflects on ideas presented recently in *The Post* by MK Abba Eban.

WHEN a politician-negotiator says white to his negotiating opponent and black to his constituency, is this talented negotiating and good "selling" of his achievements at home?

Or is it the "intrinsic duplicity of the diplomatic exercise," a view which MK Abba Eban, in his illuminating description here (December 13) of an aspect of the negotiating process, ascribes to the moralist.

Mine is a third view, namely that such behaviour should not be judged morally but by its efficiency. Eban believes that this way of behaving cannot work when forced into the glare of publicity. In fact, it is a question neither of morality nor of publicity. Rather, it is a psychological issue: consistent honesty *engenders trust, while consistently* contradictory messages generate appropriate mistrust.

A negotiator must bargain with his opponents at the negotiating table, and he must maintain mutual trust with his constituents (which becomes even more important at a time of an impasse in the negotiations). This trust is particularly necessary because other forces operate on the negotiators as soon as they get together — away from their constituents. Among these is the need and wish to enter into a meaningful relationship with the opponent. This relationship creates a new factor, and one which oils the wheels of the negotiating process.

Perhaps this is one aspect which does not stand up well to the glare of publicity at home. But such forces and feelings were operating on our negotiators at Rhodes, at Km. 101, at Camp David and in Washington — and also on all those who negotiated for us secretly in the time between. The same is true for all other negotiators, such as in labour disputes.

EBAN VIVIDLY and realistically illuminates the behaviour of the negotiator when he says that "you describe the concessions to your negotiating partner as so painful as to go beyond endurance."

Simultaneously, he tells us, "You whisper to your suspicious constituency that your concession is inherently trivial so that only your own virtuosity and your negotiating partner's gullibility have given it an ill-founded impression of importance."

And yet the well-meaning negotiator-politician gets into trouble for no fault of his own because, Eban believes, due to publicity "the two voices are wafted by the same wind to the wrong ears" (so that) "each believes what you have said to the other."

A famous study on change in the attitudes of medical students through six years of education showed one major finding: a marked increase in the degree of cynicism. Eban would have us believe that schools for diplomats outdo those for doctors in increasing cynicism.

Yet such a description of behaviour remains one-sided. It ignores those psychic events and reactions which are not calculated or voluntary. Thus the negotiator will willy-nilly be influenced to interact psychically and emotionally with his opponent, and will thereby of necessity distance himself somewhat from his constituents.

The constituents, in turn, will react to the negotiators' distancing manoeuvres, and a natural tendency toward mutual suspicion — voiced also by Eban — will come into play. How, then, can these inevitable parts of the negotiating process be accepted with less mutual suspicion?

THIS BRINGS us directly to the question of trust versus mistrust, both of which originate within the family. The child judges the trustworthiness of his parents, their honesty and integrity, by whether what they say corresponds to what they do, and if they do so consistently.

The same judgments are continuously made in larger social entities: groups, political parties, nation-states and their governments, and negotiators. In the family, once such trust has been established, each party will give the other more credit and more latitude before beginning to feel cheated.

In families as well as in larger social systems, one means of increasing trust is to consistently give true and reliable information; another is to invite some degree of participation. Any information obviously can and will be checked out. Once found true, it engenders or confirms trust.

A child who is "fed" correct information consistently will be trusting enough to accept the parents' need to keep secrets that are truly theirs, without being bothered or bother some. When parents are inconsistent or untruthful or both, the children will want to intrude constantly into their parents' affairs, lest they be left out regarding secrets which affect them vitally; or will end up alienated from their parents and turn their back on them.

HERE I RETURN to the analogy with the negotiating situation. If a constituency has been treated in such a way that it can trust its politician-negotiators — I mean by and large, the majority within the constituency — then it can also accept transient or partial secrecy without feeling cheated, and without having to intrude into details which are not relevant to them; nor will they have to turn their backs.

Similarly, a public adequately prepared for peace and for mutual concessions necessary to bring about peace, can accept a temporary blackout from negotiators whom it has learned to trust.

We all know that it is more difficult for leaders as well as parents to deal with their constituents/children democratically rather than autocratically. Yet historical and present-day political happenings show that it pays off. The processes of negotiations and of peace are so complex psychologically that adequate preparation, democratically conceived education and serious attempts by our leaders to enable us to participate — partially or indirectly but meaningfully — might well make it much easier for them in the *long run.*

Similarly, it would make it easier to ask for and to obtain a united front — as Foreign Minister Dayan is asking now — at the time of an impasse.

READERS' LETTERS

STATE DEPARTMENT PRESSURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — We are now in the third phase of the State Department offensive against Israel. The first was at the close of the Yom Kippur War. Egypt was one inch from total collapse and surrender, and it was the State Department that forced through the cease-fire which saved Egypt.

The second phase was the separation of forces agreement of 1975, which again resulted from tremendous State Department pressure upon Israel. The agreement enabled Egypt to reopen the Suez Canal, earning $500 million a year in canal tolls and also get the priceless Abu Rodeis oilfields — while Israel got little or nothing in return.

It is late in the day to talk now of standing firm against State Department pressure since 98 per cent of the rescue of Egypt has already taken place. From a shattered nation in 1973 to a confident, aggressive nation in 1978 — that is the measure of State Department strategy's success.

Tel Aviv. HAROLD LEIDNER

CONFIDENCE TRICK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — So our Israeli doves, who were preening themselves in your columns a short while ago ("Of Doves and Hawks" — Shlomo Avineri) have had their tender feet blown up from under them as their assertive base is violently exploded by both Sadat and Carter.

The Camp David 'Agreement' is now seen apparently as an elaborate confidence trick designed to hoax Israel and is virtually buried beneath two points of political reality ignored by the doves: first, Sadat's utter inflexibility and his insistence upon Egypt's 100 per cent terms as he gave them in the Knesset last year; and second, the Carter-Brzezinski policy of using the earlier and correctly rejected Rogers Plan as the iron frame of the 'peace' treaty. Neither country has altered its aim throughout the protracted negotiations. Their joint attempt has been to compel Israel to retreat, step by step, towards their actual goal.

I suggest to you and your readers that Israel is being played for a fool when pressed to accept a limited armistice while her pocket is picked to pay the much higher 'peace' price.

If Sadat (with Mr. Carter's connivance) wishes only to offer us armistice terms as 'solution' to the issue, then we must insist upon offering him a much lower and less dangerous price in exchange and put everything back into the melting pot — the return of Sinai, the withdrawal of the air bases, the autonomy plan, etc.

I further suggest that what is needed now more than ever is the entry of the mainstream Labour opposition into a national unity government which can fully represent the Israeli public to a hostile.

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